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## DEDICATION

To the memory of my father  
the late Benjamin West Terrell, Lynchburg, O.,  
whose interest in family traditions was  
my inspiration and incentive to  
verify them;  
and to

Col. Owen West, Lynchburg, Ohio,  
aged ninety-five years, great-great-grandson of  
John and Sarah Pearson West, who is still  
active in collecting family history,  
this record is affectionately dedicated.

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## PREFACE

The purposes of this booklet are to rescue from obscurity the name of Joseph West, brother of Benjamin West, the artist, and oldest child of John and Sarah Pearson West, of Chester (now Delaware) county, Pennsylvania; to satisfy in a degree the longing of his descendants for authentic history concerning him and to establish for him his rightful place in the John West family, instead of being merely mentioned as "possibly Joseph."

Wide public interest in the biography of Benjamin West has not revealed much history of his brothers and their descendants, partly because of the difficulty of keeping informed about migratory people and their habit of dropping out of family life.

Many of Joseph West's descendants have made records worthy of recognition by biographers; and most of the other hundreds have been and are the kind of citizens in their respective communities who assist in the security of the nation.

This booklet is the record of research through family documents, court, church and land records and State archives for data which can be used as a solid foundation upon which each family may confidently rear its own genealogical structure.







## PREFACE

In the belief that it may be of use to genealogists as well as to the family of West, the author presents this compilation of verified and the most probably correct traditional history.

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## ROYAL DESCENT OF JOSEPH WEST'S FAMILY

- 1 Alfred the Great, King of England
- 2 Edward the Elder, King of England
- 3 Princess Edgiva, m. Henry Count de Vermandois
- 4 Hubert, Count de Vermandois Troyes
- 5 Lady Adele de Vermandois, m. Hugh Magnus of France
- 6 Lady Isobel de Vermandois, m. Robert, Earl of Mellent
- 7 Lady Mable de Bellemont, m. Wm. de Redvers de Vernon, 6th Earl Devon
- 8 Lady Joane de Vernon, m. Wm., Baron de Briwere by tenure and Lord of Torboy
- 9 Lady Margaret de Vernon, m. Baron de la Ferte
- 10 William de la Ferte
- 11 Lady Gundred, m. Pain, third Earl of Chaworth
- 12 Patrick, fourth Baron of Chaworth, Lord of Ogmore and Kidwelly of Wales, m. Lady Hawyse, dau. of Thomas de Londres, of Kidwelly
- 13 Patrick de Chaworth, b. 1253; m. 1282, Lady Isobel, dau. of William, 6th Baron de Beauchamp, who was created Earl of Warwick



- 14 Lady Maude de Chaworth, m. Henry Plantagenet, third Earl of Lancaster; a descendant of Henry III
- 15 Lady Eleanor Plantagenet, m. Richard Fitz-Allen, Earl of Arundel and Surry
- 16 Sir Richard Fitz-Allen, tenth Earl of Arundel, m. Lady Elizabeth Bohun, a descendant of Edward I. He was her 3rd husband
- 17 Lady Elizabeth Fitz-Allen, m. Sir Robert Goushill, Knight, of Hault-Hucknall Monor, Derby
- 18 Lady Joan Goushill, m. Sir Thomas Stanley in 1457. She d. 1458-9
- 19 Lady Margaret Stanley, m. Sir William Troutbeck
- 20 Lady Joan Troutbeck, m. Sir William Griffith, of Penrhyn Castle, Carnarvonshire, Wales
- 21 Sir William Griffith
- 22 Lady Sibill Griffith, m. Owen, son of Hugh, of Bodean, High Sheriff of Anglesey, m. 1563-1580
- 23 Jane Owen, m. Hugh Gwyn, High Sheriff of Carnarvonshire, 1600 A. D.
- 24 Sybil Gwyn, m. John Powell
- 25 Elizabeth Powell, m. Humphry
- 26 Owen Humphry
- 27 Rebecca Humphry, m. Robert Owen, of Fron Goch, Merionethshire, Wales; she was born 1657; d. in Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania, 1697. Robert Owen was a





Justice of the Peace, and in 1695 was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly.

- 28 John Owen, m. Hannah Maris, daughter of George and Jane Maddock Maris
- 29 Jane Owen, m. Joseph West.

### DESCENT FROM THE MAGNA CHARTA BARONS AND SURETIES

- 1 John de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, a Surety for the Magna Charta, m. Margaret, dau. of Robert de Quincy, eldest son of Saire de Quincy, Earl of Winchester, a Surety
- 2 Maud de Lacie, m. Richard de Clare, Earl of Hereford and Gloucester, son of Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Clare and Hereford, son of Richard de Clare; both of the latter being Sureties of M. C.
- 3 Lord Thomas de Clare, youngest son, Governor of London, 1274
- 4 Lord Thomas de Clare, third son of the above
- 5 Margaret de Clare, m. Bartholomew, first Baron Badlesmere
- 6 Elizabeth de Badlesmere, m. Sir William de Bohun, K. G., Earl of Northampton, son of Humphrey, fourth Earl of Hereford and Essex, by his wife, Princess Elizabeth, dau. of Edward I. Humphrey was the son of Humphrey, Earl of Hereford and Essex, son of Lord Humphrey de Bohun, eldest son of Humphrey, Earl of Hereford





and Essex, son of Henry de Bohun, Earl of Hereford and Essex, a Surety for Magna Charta.

- 7 Elizabeth de Bohun, m. Richard Fitz-Alan, Earl of Arundel, son of Sir Richard, sixth Earl of Arundel, K. G., by his wife, Eleanor, dau. of Henry Plantagenet, third Earl of Arundel, and Earl of Leicester, son of Prince Edward, Earl of Lancaster, Leicester and Chester, High Steward of England, a son of Henry III and his wife, Maud, daughter of Sir Patrick, fifth Baron Chaworth of Ogmores Castle, in Wales.

From this generation follow the line of Royal descent from generation 16.

- 1 John, King of England, m. 2nd., Lady Isobel de Taillefer, dau. of Aymer, Count of Angouleme
- 2 Henry II, King of England, m. Lady Eleanor, dau. of Raymond de Berenger, Count of Provence, a grandson of Alphonse, King of Arragon and Chester; Lord High Steward of England
- 3 Prince Edward Plantagenet, Earl of Lancaster, Leicester and Chester; Lord High Steward of England, m. Blanch, widow of Henry Champaign, King of Navarre, and dau. of Prince Robert, Earl of Artois, son of Louis VIII, King of France.
- 4 Henry Plantagenet, third Earl of Lancaster, m. Lady Maud, dau. of Patrick de Chaworth



- 5 Lady Eleanor Plantagenet, m. Sir Richard Fitz-Alan, ninth Earl of Arundel, and seventh Earl of Surrey
- 6 Richard Fitz-Alan, tenth Earl of Arundel, m. Lady Elizabeth, dau. of Sir William de Bohun, K. G., Earl of Northampton, a descendant of Edward I. King of Eng. From this generation follow the line of Royal descent from 16.

From "The Magna Charta Barons" by Browning.

### ANCESTORS OF JOSEPH WEST'S DESCENDANTS WHO WERE OFFICERS IN COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA

#### GEORGE MARIS

Justice of the Peace, 1684-85, 1692, 1694  
Member of the Governor's Council, 1695  
Member of the Assembly, 1684 to 1688 inclusive, 1690

#### THOMAS PEARSON

Supervisor of Highways for Marple, 1684  
Member of the Council, 1687. Penn. Mag. of Hist. Vol. 24, p. 87  
Member of the Assembly, 1708, Penn. Archives

#### ROBERT OWEN

Member of the Assembly from Philadelphia County, 1685, 1687

#### JOHN OWEN

Trustee of the Loan Office, 1743



Sheriff of Chester Co., 1729-1731-1735-1737-  
1740-1742-1746-1748

Collector of Excise, 1733-1737

Member of the Assembly, 1734-1738-1739-  
1740-1741-1742-1747-1748

HENRY MADDOCK

Member of the Assembly, 1684

GEORGE MARIS, JR.

Member of the Assembly, 1717.

See Pennsylvania Archives Series II, Vol. IX.





## CHAPTER I

### ANCESTRY OF JOSEPH WEST

“The Wests were ‘An Ancient Family of Knightly Rank’ connected by ties of marriage and descent with royal lineages and other families of peerage, and among the landed gentry of the oldest type throughout the Kingdom.”

“Thomas West of the family of Lord Delaware, m. Ann Gilpin.”

From History of Chester County—Futhey & Cope.

“Sir Thomas de West, the first of whom there is a record, was knighted in 1326.” There seems no doubt but he was the ancestor of the English Wests. However, no genealogical descent has been traced from him down to the Wests of this sketch.

“The Wests had lived at Long Crendon since the time of Richard II.”

“They became Quakers in 1667. Col. James West, the friend and proselyte of Hampden, was the first West Quaker.”

Extract from Galt’s “Benjamin West.”

William West, of Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire, England, m. Elizabeth ———; d. 1-11-1696. Elizabeth d. 8-6-1684. They were Quakers. Both were buried at Meadle.





Thomas West, son of William and Elizabeth, m. about 1682 to Ann (or Rachel) Gilpin, daughter of Thomas and Joan Bartholemew Gilpin, of Shillingsford, Oxfordshire.

*Issue of Thomas and Ann (or Rachel) Gilpin West.*

- (1) William West m. Deborah Coppock, daughter of Bartholomew Coppock. After coming to Pennsylvania he first settled in Concord Township, Chester Co., but removed to Springfield as early as 1709. He was a member of the Friends' Society.
- (2) Thomas West, "of the parish of Wapping Stepney, County of Middlesex; cooper; son of Thomas, late of Crendon, in the County of Bucks., was m. to Mary Dean, of Shoreditch, at Devonshire House, London, 10 mo. 19, 1709. He came to Pennsylvania and purchased a small tract of land in Concord in 1712. Most of his family of several children moved to what is now Wilmington, Delaware, about 1732." From Futhey & Cope.
- (3) A daughter with whom John West lived part of the time after his return to England. From letter of Benjamin West to Dr. Jonathan Morris 6-25-1769.
- (4) John West, b. 10-28-1690, at Long Crendon, Bucks., England; m. 1st., 1714 to Elizabeth Beisley.



“Friends Historical Association Bulletin, states that John West m. in 1714, Elizabeth Beisley according to Friendly ceremony, at Warborough Monthly Meeting; in 1716 a son, Thomas, was born who d. in 1792.

In the Friends' Register, newspapers and parish church records of Warborough is to be found the death notice of John West. “John West of Philadelphia in the West Indies, Quaker.”

Extract from “Benjamin West's Mother, Sarah Pearson and her Family” by Albert Cook Myers.

Some biographers have suggested that because John West, presumably a Quaker by birthright, came to Pennsylvania without a certificate of transfer, he was not in good standing in the Society in England.

Birthright membership was not an established policy of Friends before 1745 or a little later.

That John West was a member in good standing is proved by the fact that he was married to Elizabeth Beisley by “Friendly ceremony” in Warborough.

It is not unreasonable to believe that he came to Pennsylvania to visit his brothers, and to make a survey of the situation with the idea of bringing his family when it was practicable, and to produce his certificate when he was established. The death of his wife evidently





changed his plans and he did not return to Eng. until 1764.

He married 2nd. Sarah Pearson, daughter of Thomas and Margery Smith Pearson of Marple.

She had been a member of Friends, but at the time of her marriage she had been disowned, so that the marriage was not accomplished in the meeting.

“Whereas Sarah Pearson of Marple in the County of Chester being a child of Believing Parents and educated in the way of Truth as professed by the People called Quakers notwithstanding which Since she attained to the years of understanding for want of keeping to the Leadings of Gods Spirit that would have guided her in all truth and Sobriety She hath given way to a Libertine Spirit which hath Drawn her into Disobediencce to the Leadings of the holy Spirit of truth Therefore for the Clearing of the Blessed Truth which we own and Profess we can do no Less than testify against the said Sarah Pearson and we do hereby for the above said transgression Deny her to be of our Society until She by unfeigned repentance obtain Mercy of Almighty God and by a sober Conversation Recommend herself to his Church and People which that she may we heartily Desire

Signed in Behalf & by appointment of our Monthly Meeting the 24th of 12th Month 1717-18.”

HENRY MILLER, Clerk,  
MARY DELL.”



“At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence Meeting House twelfth Month Twenty-fourth seventeen hundred seventeen

Our women friends having Drawn A Paper of Deniall against Sarah Pearson Belonging to Springfield meeting Which John Steadman and Bartholomew Coppock are desired to read to her first and after in Springfield Meeting to be read by Joseph Colby giving a copy if She Desire one and Return the originall to our next monthly meeting.”

“At a Monthly Meeting held at Providence first month thirty first seventeen hundred and eighteen.

The friends that were Appointed to Read the paper of Denial against Sarah Pearson Report that She being absconded it could not be read to her and that it was Read in Springfield meeting and it is returned to this meeting.”

As far as the author has been able to ascertain, none of the children of John and Sarah Pearson West, except William, belonged to Friends.

William united with the society in 1752.

Nothing appears to be known of the activities of John West for four or five years after his arrival in Pennsylvania. His marriage record can not be found; but family documents state that he and Sarah Pearson were m. in 1718.

“In 1722 he was a resident of Upper Providence in Pennsylvania and owner of a small tract of land in that Township. In 1735 he re-





sided in Chester, probably in the borough. A year or two later, he was taxable in Springfield township, and then it is to be presumed he occupied the farm and dwelling where his son, Benjamin, was born; but he did not own this property, and it is not certain that he ever owned land in Chester County except the small tract in Upper Providence."

Extract from Smith's History of Delaware County, p. 512.

"On May 29, 1733 John West received a license and had 'taken to ffarm' the house with the appurtenances where James Trego Lately Dwelt on the Green near the Courthouse in Chester where a house of entertainment hath been for some time and is now kept."

"August 30, 1743 he 'Has Rented a Com-moudyas house & all other the Conveanances there and to belonging for a house of Entertainment on the Roade Leading from Darby to Springfield & from thence to Conistogo which is of late much frequented by Duch Waggons to the number of forty or fifty a Day.'" He was granted a license. The next year he was in Newton Township.

"August 28, 1744, John West having obtained a license for keeping a public House of Entertainment in the County of Chester for one year, which is now expired, Your Petitioner Craves to be Continued in the Same Station in the Township" (Newtown).

"From that time until 1748 he continued in



that business, but in that year the lease was acquired by other parties. In 1755 he again obtained the lease and kept it until 1758."

In 1759 he united with the Society of Friends.

"At our Monthly Meeting held at Goshen the 15th 1 mo 1759

John West with the approbation of Newtown Meeting made application to come under the care of friends Wherefore Richard Jones, Thomas Goodwin are appd to pay him a Visit on the occasion & make report thereof to our next Mo. Meeting"————

"At our Monthly Meeting held at Goshen the 19th 3 mo 1759

One of the ffrds appd to visit John West report that he with the other ffrd appd have done accordingly and did not apprehend any cause to obstruct his request. Wherefore he is accepted as a Member of this Meeting as his future conversation corresponds with our principles."

"At a Mo. Meeting held at Goshen the 7th. 10th mo 1763

"Newtown Meeting requests a Certificate of removal in behalf of John West to Philadelp Mo. Meeting. Therefore Thos. Massey, & Hezekiah Thomas are appd to make inquiry concerning him & prepare accordingly & produce to next Meeting for approbation."

"At our Mo. Meeting held at Goshen the 11th. 11thmo 1763





The ffrd appointed to prepare a Certificate in behalf of John West have done accordingly which was approved & signed directed to Philada Mo. Meeting.”

“At our Mo. Meeting held the 10th 8th mo 1764

A Certificate in behalf of John West having In the 11th mo last been signed by this Meetg directed to Philad Mo. Meeting, but the sd West having chiefly resided in Mariland or the Lower Country most of the time since; the sd Certificate was not produced to Phila Mo. Meetg. And now the sd John West being lately Embarked for London hath sent our Certificate back to this Meetg requesting by his son William Another directed to London. Thos. Massey & Francis Yarnall are appointed to make the necessay enquiry concerning him & report.”

“At our Mo. Meeting held at Goshen the 5th 10 mo 1764

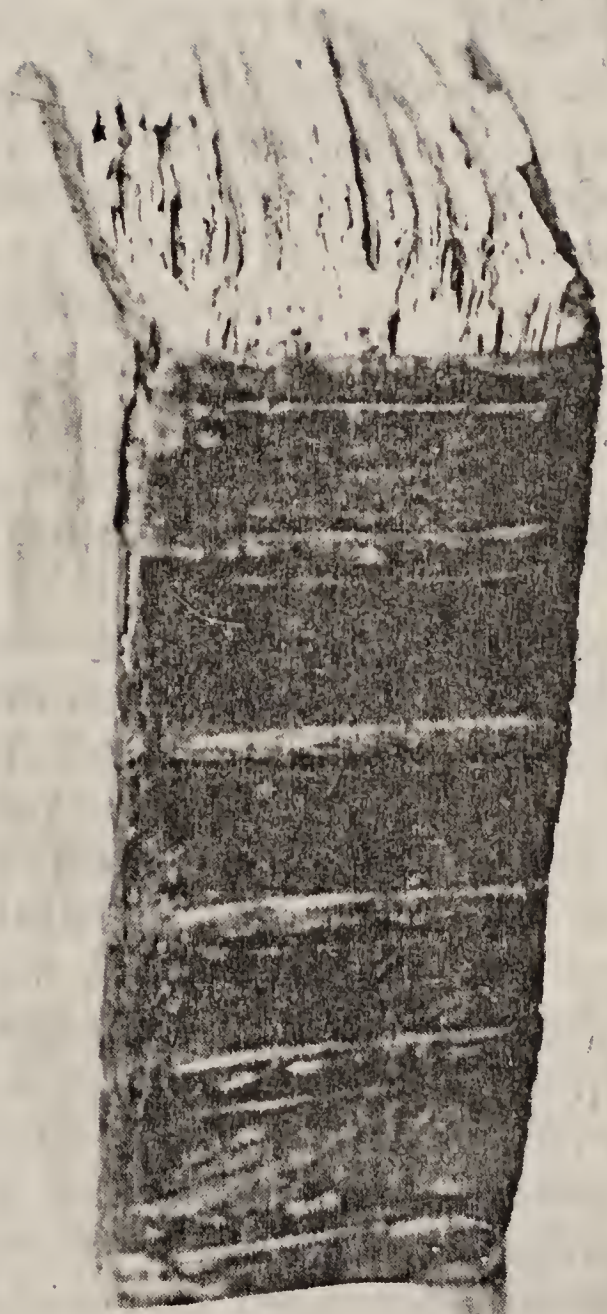
The ffriends appd to prepare a Certificate on behalf of John West have done accordingly which was produced here, approved of & signed, directed as Requested.”

Data furnished by the Department of Records of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

The minute of 9th mo. 10th, 1764 is convincing of the accuracy of the tradition that John West visited Joseph, his son, and other relatives in Virginia, and took with him one of his







A JOHN WEST BIBLE



Bibles which he gave to Joseph's son, John, two years old at the time of his grandfather's visit. He stipulated that it was to be passed on to the "Johns" of the family. It is now in the possession of John Arthur West, Cameron, Missouri. Readable inscriptions in the Bible are "John West, his Bible, 1752"; "Isaac West, 1753" and "John West, 1779" (Joseph's son, John)

The Bible was printed after 1715, for it bears the Ratification mark of the Prayer Form, dated at the Court of St. James, June 13, 1715, under King George II.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has another of John West's Bibles. The one herein illustrated, was probably purchased about the time he contemplated uniting again with Friends.

John West sailed for England June 24, 1764, accompanied by Elizabeth Shewell who became the wife of Benjamin West. They made the trip in 28 days.

At the marriage of Benjamin and Elizabeth Shewell, Mathew Pratt states that he acted as father of the bride and gave her away. The marriage was consummated September 2, 1764.

After the marriage, Mathew Pratt "visited all Mr. West's relatives; old Mr. West's sister, then living in Warborough, Oxfordshire, and Mr. Thomas West's family at Reading in Berkshire, who is a very respectable member of the Society of Friends."

After his return to England, John West lived







most of the time with his son, Thomas, at Reading and his sister at Warborough. He died October 5, 1776, and is buried in the Friends' burying ground at Warborough.

“John Williamson says at Springfield meeting ‘Friend West and his wife have blameless reputations. They have had ten children whom they have carefully brought up in the fear of God and the Christian Religion.’”

From Jackson's “Benjamin West.”

## SECOND GENERATION

### *Issue of John and Sarah Pearson West*

- (1) Joseph West, b. 1718; m. Jane Owen, b. 6-9-1720, daughter of John and Hannah Maris Owen; m. in February or March, 1740. Jane d. in Pittsylvania Co., Va. 12-20-1791; her death is recorded in the minutes of South River Monthly meeting, Campbell Co., Va. Joseph d. 1802, at the home of his son; George, in Pittsylvania Co.
- (2) Sarah West, b. 1719; m. ——— Howell, (probably Rees Howell, 1746)
- (3) Mary West, b. 1721; m. Dr. Jonathan Morris. Letters from Benjamin West to Jonathan Morris, dated July 25, 1769, and from Newman Street, London, July 20, 1798, indicate the intimacy between Benjamin West and Dr. Morris.



*Issue of Dr. Jonathan and Mary West Morris*

- (1) Sarah Morris, m. Thomas Hatton
- (2) Isaac Morris, m. 1st., Hannah Perkins; 2nd., Elizabeth Lewis
- (3) Elizabeth Morris, m. Thomas Townsend
- (4) Jonathan Morris, a Capt.; killed in the Revolution
- (5) William Morris, Killed in the Battle of Brandywine
- (6) Jesse Morris
- (7) David Morris, m. 1st., Mary Fulton, sister of Robert Fulton, of steamboat fame; 2nd., Mary Gordon

*Issue of David and Mary Fulton Morris*

- (1) Benjamin West Morris, m. ——— Jacobs
  - (2) David Morris
  - (3) William Wirt Morris
  - (4) Louisa Morris, m. Alexander Blair
- (4) “William West, b. 1724; m. 1st. ———; wife d. m. 2nd. Hannah Shaw, daughter of John and Hannah Passmore Shaw.

*Issue of William and Hannah Shaw West*

- (1) Samuel West, b. 1771; m. Mary Pusey; their descendants live about Philadelphia. He d. 1853.





(2) Hannah West, b. 1773; m. Dr. C. M. Huston, Philadelphia.

(3) Sally West.

(4) Passmore West.

William West worked at the cooper's trade forty years.

He owned 100 acres of land in upper Darby, Chester Co., and was a pioneer scientific farmer.

"Memoirs of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting Agriculture." Vol. 2, p. 147, contains a eulogium on William West, by James Mease, February 10-1810.

John Trumbull, the artist, painted a miniature of William West which he took to London and presented to Benjamin West. Extract from Ashmead & Cope. Chester County tax records show that William West, cooper, paid taxes on 95 acres in Upper Darby—1766-1769 and that he owned 300 acres in Kenneth in 1796.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature from Delaware Co., 1792-1793-1794-1796 Pa. Mag. of Hist. & Biog.

(5) Rachel West, m. John Levinus Clarkson, March, 1749; two children.

(6) Elizabeth West, m. John Morris (?)

(7) Samuel West, b. 1732. He was a lieutenant and later a captain in the Pennsylvania Regiment. He was commis-





sioned a lieut. April 8, 1759 and again, May 7, 1759. April 30, 1760 he is a captain with Col. Anthony Wayne.

Pa. Archives.

He went with General Forbes to Ft. Duquesne.

“Samuel West possessed a bold character and enterprising disposition.”

Extract from Galt's History of Benjamin West.

- (8) John West Jr. m. 1st. Mary ———; 2nd Margaret Pearson Terrett.

“John West, son of John and Sarah Pearson West, was Col. John West of West Grove, Fairfax County, Virginia; Vestryman of Fairfax Parish from 1765 to 1769; m. 1st. Mary ———; 2nd Mrs. Margaret Terrett, relict of Capt. W. H. Terrett, and daughter of Simon Pearson. She was his cousin.”

From W. G. Stannard, Virginia Genealogies.

The “History of the Ewell Family” mentions Marianna Ewell, b. 1740; m. Dr. James Craik; d. 1814.

Children:

Hon. William Craik

Nancy Craik

Sarah Craik

George Washington Craik

Marianna Craik, m. Col. Roger West,  
of West Grove, Fairfax County,



Virginia. Col. Roger West, son of Col. John West and his 2nd wife, Mrs. Margaret Terrett, daughter of Simon Pearson, of Overwharten Parish. Col. John West was a son of Major John West and his wife, Sarah Pearson, daughter of Thomas Pearson, of Chester Co., Pa.”

These quotations prove almost conclusively that John and Sarah Pearson West had a son, John, who went to Virginia and lived near his brother, Joseph.

- (9) Hugh West (?) The many “Hugh” Wests among the descendants of Joseph, lead to the conclusion that there was a “Hugh” among Joseph’s sons.
- (10) Benjamin West, b. in Springfield Township, Chester (now Delaware) County, Pennsylvania, 10-10-1738; m. September 2, 1764, to Elizabeth Shewell, b. November 1, 1741; d. December 6, 1814.

When Benjamin West was 16, Dr. Jonathan Morris furnished him money to study art. He spent two years at the University of Pennsylvania under the direction of Provost Smith, living with his sister, Rachel Clarkson in Philadelphia.

Extract from Galt’s Benj. West.





John West's family were friends of the Anthony Wayne family.

G. S. and J. G. Facius, in their "Benjamin West and His Family" state that Anthony Wayne introduced Benjamin to Elizabeth She-well; also, that Benjamin and "Mad" Anthony Wayne helped capture Ft. Duquesne. Benjamin was a captain of Sharp Shooters from Chester County, commanded by Col. Wayne.

In 1756 he went to Lancaster to drill troops and was elected their commander. While in Lancaster, his mother became ill and he was called home by her illness and death, 1756.

Thus ended his military career. He then took up the study of art in earnest, and made it his life work. It is stated that Mr. Samuel Powell accompanied him to Rome and paid his expenses; also Samuel Shoemaker, a wealthy Quaker, furnished him money for his education, and introduced him to George III.

He arrived in Rome July 10-1760 where he spent three years. He then went to London June 20-1763. In 1768 he helped to found the Royal Academy of which he was elected President March 24, 1792. In the same year he was offered a Knighthood which he refused.

He d. March 10, 1820, and was buried in the crypt of St. Paul's in London, March 29, 1820. His burial was conducted with great pomp. His tomb is near those of Landseer, Millais, Turner and Reynolds.



A contemporary historian says of his burial "His pall was borne by noblemen, Ambassadors and academicians and sixty coaches brought up the splendid procession."

During the Revolution he was neutral; and was engaged in painting the portrait of George III when he received news of the Declaration of Independence.



## CHAPTER II

### THIRD GENERATION DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND JANE OWEN WEST

#### *Issue of Joseph and Jane Owen West*

- (1) Isaac West, b. 1741 in Pennsylvania; m. Roxanna Lewis; d. 1821.
- (2) Tacy West, b. 1743, in Pennsylvania; m. 3-9-1766 to Jacob Nichols. They were members of Friends, but were not married according to Friends' ceremony, therefore, were disowned April 26-1766, but were reinstated.

This record in Park St. Meeting House, Baltimore.

- (3) Sarah West, b. 1745, in Pennsylvania; m. Jesse Patey. Their land adjoined that of her father, Joseph West, in Pittsylvania Co., Virginia.
- (4) Owen West, b. 1749 in Fairfax Co., Virginia; m. Elizabeth Martin, daughter of James and Nancy Oglesbe Martin, Campbell Co., Va. The exact date of their marriage is not of record, however, an approximate date is obtained through the "Virginia Heads of Fam-





ilies'' (tax list). The tithe list for 1783 does not contain the name of Owen West as head of a family, but the list for 1785 names him as head of a family of three, presumably, himself, wife and one child, therefore the conclusion that he was married late in 1783 or early in 1784.

(5) Hannah West, b. 1751; never married.

(6) John West, b. 11-26-1753; m. 4-1789 to Mary King.

“This is to notify that I Mary West King of Pittsylvania County hath give my free goodwill and consent to marry John West of said County I being destitute of parents this from under my hand Feb. 16, 1789

MARY WEST KING”

Know All Men By These Presents that we John West and Benjamin Cannafas are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just sum of Fifty pounds Current money of Virginia to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, Exors and Admtors, etc., firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 16th day of February, 1789

Whereas there is a Marriage sudenly intended by Gods permission Between the above bound John West and Mary West King

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if there is no Lawful cause to Obstruct



the said Marriage then the above obligation to be void and of no effect or else to remain in full force

JOHN WEST (seal)

BENJAMIN CANNAFAS (seal)

I, S. S. Hurt, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania County, Virginia do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Marriage Bond filed in this office.

S. S. HURT, Clerk

July 29, 1930.

(7) George West, b. 1755; m. Betty Templeton.

(8) Joseph West, b. 1757, m. Judith Ballinger.

(9) James West, b. 1759.

(10) Benjamin West, b. 2-26-1762; m. 2-1789 to Rebecca Canifax. He d. 1843 and she d. 1846, both in Pike Co., Ohio.

The following church records prove that Joseph West was not a Quaker, and that his marriage to Jane Owen was not accomplished by Friends' ceremony.

Extract from Minute of Chester Monthly Meeting, 2-28-1740—"The Women friends produced to this Meeting a paper of acknowledgment from Jane ye wife of Joseph West for her marrying out of unity of friends which is received as her conversation shall agree with the Rules of our Discipline for the future Barthole-







mew Coppock is appointed to read it at Springfield Meeting on a first Day and she present and return it here next meeting."

Monthly Meeting held at Providence Meeting House—3-26-1740. "The paper of Jane West not being read the same friend is continued to do it against next meeting."

Monthly Meeting held 4-30-1740.

"The friends appointed to read Jane West's paper of acknowledgment Reports it was read and have returned it here which is ordered to be lodged with other papers of the same kind."

Joseph and Jane West lived in Pennsylvania for a few years and then removed to Fairfax County, Virginia, (the part of the county that was erected into Loudoun in 1757). Three of their children, Isaac, Tacy and Sarah were born in Pennsylvania.

The approximate time of their removal is shown by the following records of Friends meetings.

"Chester Monthly Meeting held at Providence 7-26-1748."

"The women friends acquainted this meeting that Jane West the wife of Joseph West requests a Certificate to Fairfax Monthly Meeting in Virginia. Samuel Levis is appointed to assist them to draw one and bring it to next Meeting."

"Monthly Meeting held at Providence 8-31-1748."

"The friends appointed to assist women to



draw a certificate for Jane West have done accordingly and produced it here which is approved of and signed by the Clerk."

None of their children except Tacy joined Friends until Owen united with the society after removing to Ohio.

The following is a list of freeholders who cast their ballots for members of the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1750 in Fairfax County—Abel Janney, George Washington, John West, Jr., Joseph West and William West.

The tithe (tax) list of 1760 names Joseph West and Isaac West.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### *Issue of Isaac and Roxanna Lewis West.*

- (1) John West
- (2) Jacob West
- (3) Isaac West
- (4) Jane West
- (5) Sarah West
- (6) Mary West
- (7) Elizabeth West
- (8) Naomi West

##### *Issue of Jacob and Tacy West Nichols.*

- (1) Jane Nichols
- (2) Charity Nichols
- (3) Elizabeth Nichols
- (4) Tacy Nichols
- (5) Susan Nichols





- (6) Swithen Nichols
- (7) Jacob Nichols
- (8) Evan Nichols

*Issue of Jesse and Sarah West Patey.*

- (1) Zorababel Patey
- (2) Josiah Patey
- (3) Obediah Patey

*Issue of John and Mary King West.*

- (1) Catherine West, m. Jacob Miller
- (2) Nancy West, m. Jacob Fisher
- (3) Frances West, m. ——— Butler
- (4) James King West, b. 1802; m. Margaret Clark
- (5) Mary West, m. William Elliott
- (6) John West, m. Rachel Duncan.

## WAR RECORD OF JOHN WEST

From July 1, 1776 four months in Captain William Leftwich's Company as a private, and from August 1780 three and one half months as sergeant in Captain Robert Adams' Company, Col Charles Lynch's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 16, 1832, while a resident of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

He was living in Highland County, Ohio in 1836, in order to be near his grandchildren.

His Certificate No. 8118

Issued March 14, 1833—

Rate \$29.61 per annum





Commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832

Ohio Agency.

From Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, Wash.

*Issue of George and Betty Templeton West.*

- (1) Thomas West, m. Nancy Sharp, 6-12-1816. Moved to Clinton County, Ohio.
- (2) George West, m. Isabella Coons, 2-15-1821. They moved to Hamilton County, Indiana from Pittsylvania Co., Va.
- (3) William West
- (4) John West
- (5) Anna West
- (6) Elizabeth West, m. Byron Lea
- (7) Joseph West

*Issue of Joseph and Judith Ballinger West*

- (1) Mary Ann West, b. 1787; m. William Murfin
- (2) John West, b. 1789; m. Anna Barbara Platter
- (3) Hugh West, b. 1791; m. Susan Nicholas
- (4) James West, b. 1793; m. Rebecca Nicholas
- (5) Joseph West, b. 1795; m. Sally Nicholas
- (6) Isaac West, b. 1797; m. Betsy Stultz
- (7) Benjamin West, b. 1799; m. Polly Butter
- (8) Pleasant West, b. 1801; never married.



## JOSEPH WEST'S WAR RECORD

Joseph West was enlisted as a soldier in Col William Grayson's Regiment of Continental Troops, about the last of February 1777. That he continued as a soldier in the Army of the United States, until March 4th, 1782 when he obtained his discharge from His Excellency General Washington, and that the said Joseph West was at the time of his enlisting a citizen of the State of Virginia, and is so at this time.

Certified under my hand this 19th day of April 1783.

LEVEN POWELL late Lt. of said Regiment

Reference—Manuscript of Joseph West's Military service in Virginia State Library, Census of Pensioners, 1840 was living with his son, Benjamin West in Highland Co., Ohio.

*Issue of Benjamin and Rebecca Canifax West*

- (1) Nancy Elizabeth West, b. 8-11-1791; m. John McLaughlin; d. 2-25-1856
- (2) Jonathan West, b. 2-5-1792; m. Mary Lowman, b. 11-15-1795; he d. 1865.
- (3) Asa West, b. 1-21-1798; m. Margaret Staley

*Issue of Owen and Elizabeth Martin West*

- (1) Nancy West, b. 1-25-1784; m. Robert Terrell; d. 7-19-1868.
- (2) Jane West, b. 7-29-1785; m. 12-27-1812 to John Terrell; d. 12-17-1862.
- (3) William West, b. 2-13-1787; m. 1st. Sarah





Hamerick. They with their two sons, David and Owen, ask to be joined to Newberry monthly meeting, 10-6-1718. He m. 2nd. Sophia Hadley.

- (4) Mary West, b. 12-29-1788; m. Joshua Betterton.
- (5) Susan West, b. 10-22-1790; m. Joseph Wright.
- (6) Owen West, b. 8-27-1792; m. Lorena Douglas, moved to Illinois.
- (7) Thomas West, b. 7-18-1794; m. 5-4-1820 to Tamar Hadley.
- (8) James West, b. 2-24-1796; m. 6-31-1820 to Elizabeth Liggett.
- (9) Peyton West, b. 4-20-1798; m. Sarah Hadley. They announced their intention of marriage in monthly meeting 3-23-1820. He d. 8-22-1868; she d. 6-1876.
- (10) Elizabeth West, b. 11-15-1799; m. 11-26-1818 to Ezekiel Haworth.
- (11) Amelia West, b. 12-27-1801; m. 3-18-1819 to James Haworth.
- (12) Rebecca West, b. 5-27-1804; m. 10-1827 to Joseph Garner.
- (13) Margaret West, b. 4-8-1806; d. in infancy.
- (14) John West, b. 4-3-1809; m. 2-5-1831 to Elizabeth George. They went to Illinois.

All of Owen West's children were born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and thirteen of them went with their father and mother to Clinton County, Ohio in 1810. All of them lived on land which Owen West gave them.



Joseph West disposed of all his holdings in Loudoun County by 1772. From that time until 1779, his place of residence is not positively known; but the evidence justifies the belief that the most of the family went to Caroline or Hanover Co.

The war record of their son, John, states that he was born in Caroline Co., which is incorrect, but it indicates the residence of the family in that region at the time of John's enlistment, 1776

The following monthly meeting records disclose the fact that they were "within the verge" of Cedar Creek long enough for Jane to produce her certificate from Fairfax, and to be accepted.

Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting; date not given in copy. "Jane West's certificate received by this meeting."

"There was a certificate given to this Meeting from the Monthly Meeting held in Fairfax Loudoun County setting forth that Jane West a membour of that meeting have settled within the coumpass of this meeting on which she is received a member of this——"

"The Women's Meeting presented a Certificate to join Jane West to South River Monthly Meeting which was approved and accordingly sent."

Cedar Creek 5th mo 8th 1779 to South River Bedford Co.

"Dear Friends—The cause of our writing to





you at this time is on account of our friend Jane West whose certificate was produced to this meeting Cedar Creek the 10th day of 4th mo 1773 from the monthly meeting at Fairfax bearing date the 30th of 1st mo 1773 setting forth their unity with her We apprehend she resides within the verge of your meeting and recommend her to your Christian care and oversight with desire for her welfare in the truth."

We remain your friends

MOSES HARRIS, Clerk at this time,

RACHEL HARRIS, Clerk at this time."

"From South River to Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting.

"This Meeting received an account that Jane West's certificate from Fairfax monthly meeting was sent to this meeting in which she is recommended to the Southern meeting.

Signed in our monthly meeting 17th of 7th mo 1779."

### OWEN WEST

Owen West, son of Joseph and Jane Owen West was b. in Fairfax County, Virginia, (the part of the county that erected into Loudoun Co. in 1757). The exact date of his birth seems not to be extant.

In a letter by Jane West to her parents, dated 3-29-1750, she says "Little Owen is a Very fine big boy" "he helps to make up the loss of





Isaac'' (Isaac had been left in Pennsylvania in the care of relatives.) Hence the tradition that Owen was b. 1749.

He went to Pittsylvania Co., Va and bought 400 acres of land June 11, 1777, for which he paid Sixty pounds Current Money of Virginia.

This purchase pre-dated Joseph's first purchase by three years according to existing records.

Deed Book "4" p. 355.

His next purchase indicates some "Wild speculation" as he paid Three thousand pounds Current Money of Virginia for 240 acres, June 1-1780, lying on both sides of the North fork of the Great Straightstone Creek.

Deed Book "6" p 16.

The copy of this deed was certified.

December 29, 1795, 10½ acres lying on both sides of the South fork of Great Stone Creek, for ten pounds.

Deed Book "10" p. 401.

December 26, 1809, Owen and Elizabeth West sold 1400 acres lying on Straight Stone Creek, and including "said West's Water grist mill, Saw mill and Cotton Machine with all the appurtenances thereto belonging" for Fourteen hundred pounds Current money of Virginia.

Deed Book "17" p. 53.

Before 1810 Owen West disposed of all his holdings in Pittsylvania County, Va. and took his family to what is now Clark Twp., Clinton County, Ohio.



After becoming settled in their new home Owen and Elizabeth and all of their children except Nancy and Mary, joined Friends.

“Clear Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends held July 29, 1814,

Owen West and wife, Elizabeth, request for themselves and minor children to be joined in membership with us, and two of their sons, Owen and Thomas request to be joined also. Christopher Hussey, John Hunt, John Sanders and Gideon Stevens are appointed to join Women Friends in paying them a visit to feel after the Propriety of their request and report to next meeting.”

Clear Creek Monthly Meeting was in Highland Co.

“Clear Creek Monthly Meeting 9-23-1814.

The committe appointed to visit Owen West and family report they attended to the appointment to good satisfaction and are free their request be granted, with which this meeting concurs and receives them into membership—viz. James, Peyton, Elizabeth, Amelia, Rebecca and John. Also himself, his wife, Elizabeth and their sons Thomas and Owen.”

“Clearcreek Monthly Meeting held 3-3-1815.

Women Friends request assistance in visiting Jane Terrell who hath requested to be joined in membership with us. William and Jonathan Sanders are appointed for that service and to report to next meeting.”

“Clear Creek Monthly Meeting held 4-28-1815.



1781

After having been in the city for some time, I have been able to collect a few specimens of the plants and animals of the country. I have also been able to collect a few specimens of the minerals of the country. I have also been able to collect a few specimens of the fossils of the country.

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Friends appointed to join women Friends in visiting Jane Terrell report they attended to the appointment to good satisfaction."

Newberry Monthly Meeting, Martinsville, Ohio.

Permission was granted by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting for a preparative meeting to be established at Newberry. James Hadley, clerk of Fairfield Q. M., John Beales, Owen West, Benjamin Puckett and Daniel Moon are appointed to make choice of a clerk. 11-2-1816.

Jonathan Hockett and Owen West were the first overseers. 1-6-1817.

James Hadley, John Beales, Jehu Ellis, Owen West, Christopher Hiatt and Benjamin Puckett are appointed a committee on Education. 5-4-1818.

Jacob Hunt takes Owen West's place as overseer. 1-28-1819.

Owen West, William Moon, Jacob Hunt and Daniel Moon appointed overseers. 10-24-1822.

Elizabeth West is appointed overseer in the place of Hannah Mills resigned. 12-1-1817.

Owen West and Elizabeth West with others signed the marriage certificate of George D. Haworth and Edith Hadley. 9-4-1817.

Owen and Elizabeth West signed the marriage certificate of Thomas West and Tamar Hadley. 5-14-1818.

Ruth Hockett is appointed overseer in the place of Elizabeth West who requested to be relieved. 11-23-1820.



“Elizabeth West is not mentioned in the minute of the monthly meetings after her resignation 11-23-1820. The Book of Births and Deaths, Newberry Monthly Meeting, states that Elizabeth West was born 1-15-1766; died 3-4-1822.”

From records of Horace R. Townsend,  
Columbus, Ohio.





## CHAPTER III

### LETTERS AND RECEIPTS

LETTER OF JOHN OWEN TO HIS DAUGHTER

JANE WEST

Dear Jenny

We received thy letter by Cousin Thomas Bourk (last letter not distinct) date ye sixth of 12th mo last & was glad to heer you was all well This may inform that Isaac is now Very well & hearty He is grown a fine (word indistinct) Lad as any body could wish to see He has been sick of a fever about a week or two last month but soon recovered Thy mother has been sick a considerable time but through mercy She is pretty well recovered as to health I have my health through God's mercy as well as usual other winters Susie and Beckie are both Very Well & Susie's (very faint) leg is got well Goerge is very well (——) mother is well Uncle John & aunt is got well Poor Betty James was buried last week She had been long sick Thy Father and Mother in law is well as far as I heard Mordeca Taylor & hannah has been long sick but is since Recovered Our relations in town and Country Generally pretty well Thy Aunt Betty Evans was (?) asking about if I had heard from thee & also most of thy Cousins





Thy Uncle David Evans was buried last week, 9th mo. I was at yearly meeting last week All their kind love to thee Our folks wants to see Tacy much Betty Wrote to thee Some time ago Thy mother wants to Know How you live and how the likes the Country & how Tacy does (word very indistinct) like to be there Our kind Love is to Thy Husband and to thyself and particularly pretty Tacy I should be glad to see you but wee Especially myself (marked) are (?) grown advanced in Years My wishes your Good both Spiritual and Temporal Affairs Keep to meetings as often as possible & I hope thou need not Repent it if we have food & Raiment and a place to dwell in it matters not much where let us be there with Content (very indistinct) I shall be glad to hear from thee as often as Conveniently if I live I may Write to the when Opertunity presents

I remain with kind Respects from thy mother and Thy loving Father

JOHN OWEN

Ye 28th of March 1746 (the "6" in 1746 seems to have been written over another figure, either 5 or 6.)

LETTERS FROM JANE WEST TO HER PARENTS

Dear Father and Mother

These few lines may inform you that we are in good health at present thro March as we hope you are tho it has been a very Sickly time people died Very Fast and very Suddenly but is abated now I long to see you all & poor little



Isaac I often thinks of him and the children often talks of him I should be glad to see thee in this part of the country but hardly expect it It seems as if I was forgotten amongst you it seems very hard thee never writes to us we had expectation of coming to pensilvania but it did not turn out so that we could by misfortune by peoples breakin that owed us money we lost near three pound and no expectation of getting it which hurts us very much We have got all our land paid for but ten pounds Virginia money with hard scufflin

Dear Father I beg the favor thee to help us to about twenty pound pensilvania money it would set us clear of the world it is the first favor that ever ast hoping it will be granted

We have moved to our own place I like it as well as can be expected so far distant from you all I often think of you all do be pleased to remember our loves to Sisters & brothers Sister betty talked of coming down this spring but has not Tacy and Sally often talks of you little Owen is a Very fine big boy he helps to make up the loss of Isaac do remember my love to grandfather & grandmother & aunt Susannah my aunt and relatives in town to father & mother in law & children

So I conclude with my love to you all This from your ever loving daughter

JANE WEST

Ye 29th of ye 3rd mo. 1750.

We have heard that Benjamin Pearson is







dead Be pleased to send answer by ye first opportunity.

FROM JANE WEST TO MRS. JAMES RHODES

Dear Sister

Having opportunity beyond expectation I am willing to let you know we are middlin well in health only my Hannah has a bad cold I am as well as can be expected myself it is three weeks this night since I laying I have a fine son & we call him John he is a fine thriving child through mercy I like to hear when thee laying & what thee has got Thee says your love is as great as ever but there is little Sine of it Susie and beeky might send me a line or two some time but dont think it worth while as for Brother George he hass met with a great loss if he Dus but think so It was a trouble to me to know he was not very good to her tho it dus not Sute to say much about it since she is gone I should be glad to see you all but dont know when I shall I long to see Isaac I hear you wants him away but I dont know how we shall get him till one of us comes cousin John Lewis is here now I was sorry to hear of aunt Evans was like to die I hear aunt Susannah is got well I desire you may get the money ready that will be due me when I send for it in the spring So I conclude with love to you all

this from thy sister

JANE WEST



I desire to be remembered to my fatherinlaws  
family to grandmother & aunt Susannah ye  
18 December 1753

JANE WEST TO ELIZABETH RHODES

(on reverse side) To Elizabeth Rhodes  
these

Ye 22 of ye 7th mo 1754.

Dear Sisters

haveing an oppertunity to let you know we  
are all in good health at present thanks be to  
the Lord for the Same hoping these few lines  
may find you all the Same I received thy letter  
last spring likewise the money I received  
Brother Georges letter about a month ago &  
ye books I was as much surprised to think he  
thought of me & it worth while to write to me  
as he was when I thought of him as well as the  
rest of you I was sorry to hear of the death of  
his wife & sorry for ye death of aunt Evans &  
Couzin Beccky I long to see you all once more  
Isaac I hear is with his grandfather West I  
would lik (hole in paper) some of you to send  
me a letter for there is many peop (hole in  
page) from this (place?) & (some words  
omitted) will call at father Wests I believe I  
understand ye has got a fine girl & I have got  
as fine a boy a month younger than thine to a  
very day I do suppose Beckkey is married long  
since to Cozen Jesse Maris I am much obliged





to her for that old Sheet She sent me I am sorry that was all that fell to me out of so many Pair that mother left behind her if you have a better right to them all than I have to any of them you are welcome to them brother George rit that you were willing to pay that 3 pound that grandfather left as it is only for my life time I hope you will consider that I have some thots of comeing in the spring but if not you look for me in if I live and nothing happens to hender So I remain your ever loving sister

JANE WEST

I desire thee to send me a pair of small Sysers or sheers and thimble and charge it to me.

Dear Sister

Having this oppertunity to let you know we are in health at present hoping you are the same I thought to a came to have seen you this fall but am not able to ride so far at present but I desire you will send me what money is due which is 12 pound now one year of fathers and two year of grandfathers past You had some thoughts of not paying that of grandfathers but I hope you will consider and not wrong me out of it Since it is only for my life time Thou sent me word of some Small matter of vendue money that was not divided I hope you will send that with the rest pray dont fail sending of it by our friend William Hatcher or



Hannah Janney the bearer of this letter I desire you may get this years money ready against next spring when it will be due I shall take it very hard if you don't send that of grandfathers which is my right due I long to see you all but don't know when I shall do give my love all friends and relatives & to our son Isaac we want him very much but hant an oppertunity to fetch him yet Send me word where he lives & how I desire the to send me a good small tooth comb & take ye pay thyself for it

I have not much to add but my love to you all  
 This from thy loving sister      JANE WEST  
 ye 25th of 7th mo 1755

LETTER TO MRS. JAMES RHODES

Dear Sister

I desire you to Send Mee what Money There is due to me by our friend William Hatcher It is two pounds beside ye vendue money which I suppose will 4 pound or what it is Pray dont faille us Wee are all well at present as I hope you are So no more at present but my kind love to you all

from thy loving sister

JANE WEST

on the reverse side For James Rhodes Springfield these ye 23 of 3rd mo (year not given)  
 Dear Brother and Sister:





I hope these few lines will find you all in good health as are only bad colds we have amongst us I desire you to pay six pound to Abel Janney the bearer of this letter & his receipt shall be your Discharge for so much pray dont fail I desire you to send me word what grandfather left me & who pay it I have heard he left me three pounds a year & if it is so I desire the favor of you to send it I dont know who is the executors it may be thoe art one if not the may if the please to let Abell bring it and thee may receive it again of the executors and thee will oblige me very much Dear Sister Pray send me a letter how you are I long to see you all & my poor little boy Isaac but I don't know when I shall I expect you received a letter before now that Cousin Jakes Lewis brought this winter I have a fine boy I want to know what thee has got this time I hear that beecy is going to have couzen Jesse Maris Send me word wether ant Evans is living or not Remember me to grandmother and ant Susannah Tacy remembers her love to you all & desires wone of her ants to Send her a testament & I desire the other to send a primer & hornbook by the first oppertunity So no more at present but our love to you all

From your loving sister      JANE WEST

ye 9tg day of April If you will pay the three pounds of grandfather to Abell his receipt will be for both send me word how much grand-



fathers is and what he has left me for certain  
Respected Cozen

This comes to acquaint thee & wife of Cozen Evans death and to desire your company to his burial which time is to be tomorrow to meet at his late dwelling at the ferry at three clock in the afternoon please to send notice there of to Cozen Jesse Maris and if it be not too much trouble let Alben Roberts and his sister Gainor who lives at John Lewis's have the notice

thy cozen Owen Jones (no date but evidently received while Joseph and Jane lived in Penn.)

#### RECEIPTS FROM JANE WEST

By order of Jane West

Received November 12, 1757, of Susannah Owen the sum of one pound ten shillings, part of the Legacy due to her from her Grandfather George Maris's Estate. pr. me, William West.

5th Mo. 18, 1758.

Then received of Susannah Owen ye sum of one pound Ten Shillings by order of Jane West, it being ye money George Maris left Susannah Owen to pay Jane West.

I say Rec'd by me, Joseph Janney.

10th Mo. 27, 1759.

Then Rec'd of Susannah Owen ye sum of One pound by order of Jane West, it being the money George Maris left Susannah Owen to pay Jane West,

I say Recv by me William Hatcher





The 4 (?) Month 1761  
the 13th day

Rec'd of Susannah Owen the sum of two pounds by order of Jane West it being the money left by George Maris Deceased to pay Jane West, I say Received, William Hatcher.

June 9, 1762,

Then Rec'd of Susannah Owen Twenty Shillings which my Grandfather left her to pay me,  
Jane West

October the 27th 1763.

Then received of Susannah Owen the sum of twenty shillings in full To the 30th Day of April last which was a Legaci Susannah Owen to pay Jane West left by her Grandfather,  
Received by me                      Joseph West.

June 14(?) 176(?)

Recv'd of Susannah Owen the sum of Twenty Shillings in full for a legacy Due from Estate of George Maris Dece'd and in full to April 30 last past.  
Jane West.

Received of Susannah	}	Paper torn off
pounds for the		
my hand this 18 day		

Rec'd the 25th of December 1767 of Josiah Hibbard Six pounds it being in full to (?) for two years of the Money Susannah Hibbard was to pay to her sister Jane West out of the house at Chester.



Rec'd pr (?) me

Jesse Maris

Rec'd the same time

(On reverse side)

Jesse Maris, Recest.

Please pay to Joseph Janney the legacy left  
me by my Grandfather John Owen and his  
Rec'pt shall be thy full discharge for the same,  
From thy friend Hannah West

4th Mo. 14, 1772

To James Rhodes

On the reverse side the following

H. West's Order

Received of Josiah Hibbard the within sum of  
Five pounds James Rhodes Rec'd 5th mo. 16  
1772 of James Rhodes five pounds in full of the  
within order Joseph Janney

Rec'd the 7th day of the 9th Mo 1782 of  
Josiah Hibbard fifteen pounds by Order of my  
Mother Jane West, being a part of the legacy  
left her by her father John Owen Deceased, left  
her from a house in Chester. Received by  
me Owen West

Witness, Hannah Low

Received the 4th (4) day of the 11th Mo. 1783,  
of Josiah Hibbard Six pounds by order of my  
mother Jane West it being part of a Legacy  
left her from a house in Chester,

Received by me, John West

Witness—Owen Hibbard





Rec'd the 29th of 8th mo. 1787 of Josiah Hibbard twelve pounds by order of my mother Jane West it being in full to the 30th of the first mo 1788 a legacy left her by father John Owen deceased from a house in Chester. Received by me, John West

Received the 22nd of the 9th mo. 1788 of Josiah Hibbard three pounds by order of my mother Jane West it being in full to the 30th of the first Mo. 1789 a legacy left her by Her Father John Owen Deceased

Rec'd by me, John West

Witness present Owen Hibbard

Rec'd the 29th of 11th mo. 1791 of Josiah Hibbard nine pounds by order of my mother Jane West it being in full to the 30th of the first mo of 1792 a legacy left her by her father John Owen Deceased from a house in Chester,

Received by me George West

Witness—Nathan Atherton (not plain)



## CHAPTER IV

### FAMILY GENEALOGIES

#### HENRY MADDOCK

Henry Maddock came to America from Lune (or Loom) Hall, Cheshire, England, in 1681. He and his brother-in-law, James Kennedy, purchased 1500 acres of land in Springfield township, Chester County, Pa.

Kennedy soon died leaving his share of the land to Henry Maddock's son, Mordecai, who also received a deed to the share of his father who had returned to England.

##### *Issue of Henry Maddock*

- (1) Mordecai Maddock who brought a letter (certificate of transfer) from Nottingham Monthly Meeting in England, for himself and wife to Springfield M. M.
- (2) Jane Maddock, m. George Maris, son of George and Alice Maris.

Henry Maddock served in the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1684.

##### *Issue of Mordecai Maddock*

- (1) John Maddock who bought 300 acres of land in Chester township which he transferred to his brother, James Maddock. This was the land upon which





stood the house in which Benjamin West was born.

- (2) James Maddock.

### GILPIN FAMILY

#### *Edwyn Gilpin of Kentmere—*

- (1) William Gilpin
- (2) Bernard Gilpin, stiled the “Apostle of the North”
- (3) George Gilpin, Minister to the Hague for Queen Elizabeth

#### *Issue of William Gilpin*

- (1) Martin Gilpin

#### *Issue of Martin Gilpin*

- (1) Thomas Gilpin, b. 1622; m. Joan Bartholemew of Shillingford, Oxfordshire, Eng.

#### *Issue of Thomas and Joan Bartholemew Gilpin*

- (1) Thomas Gilpin, of Warborough, near Oxford. This Thomas Gilpin was a Colonel in the civil Wars
- (2) Rachel (or Ann) Gilpin, m. Thomas West who was a major under his brother-in-law, Thomas Gilpin. They fought in the battle of Worcester. Both afterward became Quakers, and it is said they built the meeting house at Dorchester, near Oxford. (tradition) Thomas Gil-



pin was a Quaker minister of Warborough.

*Issue of Col. Thomas Gilpin*

- (1) Thomas Gilpin
- (2) Isaac Gilpin
- (3) Joseph Gilpin, m. Alice Glover and came to Pennsylvania with his cousin, John West.

Extract from Historical Mag. of Penn., Vol 49, p 167. Also from William Jackson's "Pedigree of the Gilpin Family."

JANNEY FAMILY

Randall Janney's inventory recorded in 1613 in the parish of Wilmslow, Cheshire, England. No will recorded.

Son—Thomas Janney, m. Jane Worthington and Catherine Cash. He lived at Styall. His is the earliest Janney will preserved in Cheshire. It was probated 1602.

Son—Randall Janney m. Ellen Alrodd, July 14, 1602; lived at Styall, Cheshire, England; was buried there Oct. 30, 1613

Inventory of his estate recorded in the parish of Wilmslow, Cheshire, England 1613. No will recorded.

Son—Thomas Janney, baptized June 27-1605, m. September 3-1625 to Elizabeth Worthington; d. 12-17-1677; Elizabeth d. 12-19-1681-2. Both were buried in Friend's burying ground at Moberly.





Daughter—Mary Janney, baptized March 1627-8; m. 12-3-1654-5 to Robert Pearson of Pownall Fee; d. 7-1689; Robert d. 5-23-1674.

Son—Thomas Pearson m. 2-18-1683 to Margery Smith of Pownall Fee, daughter of Robert and Ellen Smith. They married at the home of Thomas Janney and came to America on the ship Endeavor with him 7-29-1683.

Daughter—Sarah Pearson, m. John West.

From records of the Southern Historical Association, and from Court and family records.

### THOMAS PEARSON

Thomas Pearson and his wife Margery came to Pennsylvania in the ship "Endeavor of London" George Sharpe, Master.

They came from Pownall Fee, Cheshire, England and settled in the Township of Marple.

Thomas Pearson was on the Grand Jury in Chester County, 1684.

He was appointed to receive subscriptions from Marple Monthly Meeting to build a meeting house in Chester, 1690.

He signed a marriage certificate 7-7-1685 at Chester Monthly Meeting.

Margery Pearson signed a marriage certificate of Thomas Smedley 8-3-1710.

Thomas Pearson was a member of the Assembly 1708.

Dates of birth of the children of Thomas & Margery Pearson.



Robert ye son of Thomas Pearson and Margery his wife was born about ye 3rd or 4th of ye 12th Month, 1683.

Thomas (as above) was born 23rd of 10th Month, 1685.

Lawrence (as above) was born 20th of 10th Month, 1687.

Enoch (as above) was born 12th of 3rd Month 1690.

John (as above) was born 1st of 10th Month, 1692.

Abel (as above) was born 9th of 2nd Month, 1695.

Sarah (as above) was born 8th of 2nd Month, 1697.

Benjamin (as above) was born 1st of 12th Month, 1698.

Mary (as above) was born 2nd of 5th Month, 1701.

Margery, m. Peter Thompson.

Thomas Pearson son of Thomas & Margery Pearson departed this life in the 1st Month, 1705.

At our Monthly Meeting held at Providence Meeting house the thirty first of the Eleventh Month one thousand seven hundred and thirty one, 2,

“Thomas Pearson appeared here and requested a few lines by way of Certificate to Darby Monthly Meeting Thomas Morgan and Joseph Hoskins are appointed to make the need-





ful inquiry and draw one and bring to next meeting."

At our Monthly Meeting held at Providence Meeting house ye twenty ninth of ye twelfth month one thousand seven hundred and thirty one two

"The friends apointed to make enquiry and draw a Certificate for Thomas Pearson have done accordingly and produced here which is aproved of and signed."

Sarah Pearson, m. John West, 1718

Mary Pearson, m. Nicholas Rogers.

Monthly meeting held at Providence Meeting House 25th day of 2 month 1726

"Margery Thompson the Daughter of Thomas Pearson hath produced a paper of acknowledgement for being Married by a Priest which this meeting Receives as her conversation Shall agree therewith for the future and appoint. Joseph Selby to read at Springfield on a first Day she to be present at the reading of it and return it here the next meeting."

### OWEN FAMILY

Owen, son of Evan Robert Lewis, b. about 1632; m. Gainor John.

*Issue of Owen and Gainor John.*

- (1) Robert Owen, b. about 1657; m. Rebecca Humphrey, eldest daughter of Owen Humphrey, Gentleman. The marriage



agreement was dated 1-6-1678-9 (this would be March now) and the marriage certificate was dated 1-11-1678-9. As father of the bride, Owen Humphrey signed the marriage certificate of "Robert Owen, Eldest son of Owen ap Evan (deceased) late of Fron Goch, in the County of Llwynddu, in Llangelma Parish, Merionethshire, Wales.

This agreement was made between Robert's mother, Gainor John, and Owen Humphrey. Rebecca Owen d. in Penn. 8-23-1697. He d. 10-8-1697. Both were buried in Merion Friends Meeting Grounds, Philadelphia Co. Pa.

Hugh Roberts, his brother-in-law, said of him "Quaker at 17; Itinerant Minister throughout Wales; A man of peace; hating all appearance of contention; endowed with wisdom and authority, yet merciful unto the least appearance of good in such as he had to do withall."

From "Welsh settlement in Pennsylvania."

- (2) Jane Owen, m. Hugh Roberts
- (3) Ellin Owen, m. Cadwallader Thomas
- (4) Evan Owen of Merion, b. 1665

Robert Owen was nearly related to John and Samuel Humphrey of Haverford.

Before coming to America he was severely persecuted for his faith. 5-3-1654 he was thrown into Dolgelly Gaole "being indicted at





sessions some time before for being absent from National Worship''

5-16-1675 he was fined for meeting at Llwyny Braner.

His certificate for himself and family to Merion Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania from Tyddyn Garrey, Merionethshire Quarterly Meeting was filed 6-8-1690.

He owned 450 acres of land in Lower Merion Township, 9 miles from Philadelphia and built a stone dwelling which stands (altered in 1829) on Montgomery Ave. east of Church Road (or Meeting House Road) His land lay west of the present settlement of Wynnwood, toward the village of Ardmore.

Robert Owen was active in State and community affairs from the time of his arrival in Pennsylvania. He was a Justice of the Peace, was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1695, re-elected in 1697. He was a Friends Minister in Penn. as he had been in Wales. He was one of the founders and a trustee of Merion Meeting. Rebecca Owen d. 8-23-1697, and Robert Owen d. 10-8-1697.

*Issue of Robert and Rebecca Humphrey Owen*

- (1) Evan Owen, b. 1682; m. Mary Hoskins
- (2) Gainor Owen, m. Dr. Jonathan Jones
- (3) Elizabeth Owen, m. David Evans
- (4) Jane Owen. All born in Wales.
- (5) Owen Owen, b. 12-21-1690; m. Anne Wood; d. 1741.



- (6) John Owen, b. 12-26-1692; m. Hannah Maris 8-20-1719, daughter of George and Jane Maddock Maris b. 12-17-1698. Both d. 1752.

Providence 6 Mo 31 1719

“John Owen and Hannah Maris daughter of George Maris Appeared here and declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage this being the first time he is Desired to bring to our Monthly meeting A Certificate of his Clearness & Conversation.”

Providence Monthly Meeting 7 mo 1719

“John Owen and Hannah Maris declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage this being the second time and he Producing a certificate from Philadelphia Monthly meeting to the satisfaction of this meeting and nothing appearing to obstruct their Proceedings they are left to their liberty to accomplish their Said intentions according to Good order & this meeting apoints John Steadman & George Lownes to attend the said marriage and See that good Order be kept there and make report there of at our next Monthly meeting and bring this Certificate to be recorded.”

Providence 8 Mo 26 1719

“The friends that were appointed to attend the marriage of John Owen & Hannah Maris Report that they were at the accomplishing of it & saw nothing but what was orderly and have brought the Certificate in order to be Recorded.”





Marriage certificate of "John Owen son of Robert Owen and Hannah Maris daughter of George Maris married at Springfield Meeting twentieth day of eighth month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nineteen 1719."

(7) Robert Owen, b. 7-27-1695; m. 11-10-1716 to Susannah Hudson, daughter of William Hudson who was one time Mayor of Phil.

(8) Rebecca Owen, b. 1-14-1697; d. 9-19-1697.

John Owen moved from Philadelphia to Chester County in 1718. Like his father he was active in public life. He was Provincial Councillor, Colonial Justice, High Sheriff of Chester County for eight years, member of the Pennsylvania Assembly from 1733 to 1748, Collector of Excises for Chester 1733 to 1737 and a Trustee of the Loan Office of Pennsylvania.

*Issue of John and Hannah Maris Owen*

(1) Jane Owen, b. 6-9-1720; m. 3-6-1740 to Joseph West, oldest son of John and Sarah Pearson West, b. 1718. They went to Virginia where she d. 12-20-1791 and he d. 1802, both in Pittsylvania Co.

(2) George Owen, b. 1751; m. Rebecca Haines; d. 1764.

(3) Elizabeth Owen, m. James Rhoads.

(4) Rebecca Owen, m. Jesse Maris, her cousin, son of George and Hannah Massey Maris.



(5) Susannah Owen, m. Josiah Hibbard.

Providence 6 Mo 31 1719

Providence Meeting, 24th of 4Mo. 1745

James son of Joseph Roads deceased and Elizabeth the daughter of John Owen appeared here and declared their Intentions of marriage with Each Other this being the first time. Bartholomew Coppock and James Bartram are appointed to make the needful Inquiry into his clearness and Conversation and make Report there of at our next meeting.

Providence Meeting, 29th of 5Mo. 1745

James Roads and Elizabeth Owen appeared here and declared the continuance of their intentions of Marriage with Each other and the friends appointed to Inquire into his Clearness and Conversation find nothing to Obstruct their Proceeding, they Having Consent of Parents and Relations concerned are left to their Liberty to Consummate their said Intentions according to Good Order. Bartholomew Coppock and James Bartram are appointed to attend the said marriage to see that good order be kept and make Report thereof at next Meeting and bring the Certificate to be recorded.

Providence, 26th of 6Mo. 1745

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of James Roads Reports They were there and saw nothing but What was orderly and have Brought the Certificate to be Recorded.





## MARIS FAMILY

“George Maris, b. in Grafton Flyford, Worcester, England, came to Pennsylvania in 1683 with his wife Alice, and six small children, and settled at “Home House,” Springfield Township, Chester (now Delaware) County, Pa.

He became a Quaker and was so persecuted because of his non-conformity to the Church of England that he decided to establish his home in America.

His friends in England sent a most complimentary testimonial as to his high character, which was signed by a long list of members of the meeting, and subscribed to “Friends in Pennsylvania” 3-6-1683. (From Darby Monthly Meeting, parish of Inkborough and Co. of Worcester, England.)

He had hardly become settled in his new home when he was pressed into the service of Friends as a preacher, and into the service of the state. He was a Court Justice, a member of the Assembly and a member of the Provincial Council; his service being continuous in one office or another from 1684 to 1695. He d. 11-15-1705 being about 73 years. Alice d. 1-11-1699.

For detail of his Government service see Penn Archives, 2nd series, vol. IX, pp. 624-675-676-682-683. Also “Maris Family in the United States.”



*Issue of George and Alice Maris*

- (1) Alice Maris, b. 8-17-1660; m. Jacob Simcock, son of John and Elizabeth Simcock, 11-15-1684; d. 10-11-1726.
- (2) George Maris, b. 10-2-1662; m. Jane Maddock, daughter of Henry Maddock

“At a Monthly Meeting held at Walter Ffaucots the 7th day 5th Mo 1694

George Maris son of George Maris & Jane Maddock daughter of Henry Maddock both belonging to this monthly meeting Layd their intentions of marriage before this meeting being the first time the meeting orders Bartholomew Coppock Jr. and Robert Taylor to inquire consorning his clearness and Elnor Coppock and Margaret Coppock to inquirior consorning her clearness and bring it in next month meeting”

“At a monthly meeting held at Walter FFaucots the first day of ye 7th Mo 1690

George Maris son of George Maris and Jane Maddock daughter of Henry Maddock both belonging to this meeting layd their intentions of marriage before this meeting being the second time and things being found clear concerning them they are left to their liberty to proceed according to the order of truth”

Jane Maddock Maris d. 6-28-1705

George Maris then married Jane Hayes, daughter of Edward Rees

Providence Monthly Meeting 1 Mo 31 1718





“George Maris appeared here and Signified his intention of marriage With Jane Heayes (or Hoayes) Widow Belonging to Haverford Monthly Meeting and in order thereto Desires our Certificate This Meeting Appoints Samuel Hall and Joseph Steadman to make inquiry into his conversation & clearness and make Report there of at our next Monthly Meeting”

Providence 3rd Mo 26 1718

“The friends that were appointed to make inquiry into George Maris clearness & Conversation Report they have done accordingly & find nothing to obstruct his Proceeding So this meeting hath signed him a certificate Accordingly”

(3) Elizabeth Maris, b. 2-3-1665; m. in 1685 to  
John Mendenhall

Facsimile of signatures to the marriage certificate of Aaron Mendenhall, grandson of George and Alice Maris, to Rose Pierson, among which are many of the Maris relatives of the groom.

John Mendenhall, father

Esther Mendenhall, stepmother

George Maris, uncle

John Maris, uncle

Mordecai Maris, uncle

George Maris, Jr., cousin

Sarah Levis who married George Maris, Jr.

Alice Simcock, aunt

Jacob Simcock, husband of Alice

Sarah Worrilow, cousin



1. Robert Taylor  
 2. John Kinsman  
 3. Benjamin Mendenhall  
 4. Moses Mendenhall  
 5. Joseph S. & Isaac  
 6. Peter Hutton  
 7. Samuel Tuth  
 8. George Harland  
 9. John Palmer  
 10. Mordecai Maris  
 11. Will. W. Warril  
 12. Joseph Baker  
 13. Joseph Mendenhall  
 14. Peter Yarnall  
 15. William Pyle  
 16. Hannah Litcher  
 17. Francis Hobson

18. Aaron Mendenhall  
 19. Rafe Mendenhall  
 20. John Mendenhall  
 21. The Person  
 22. Esther Mendenhall  
 23. Susanna Mendenhall  
 24. George Maris  
 25. Benj. Mendenhall  
 26. Eliza Mendenhall  
 27. John Maris  
 28. Jacob Simcock  
 29. Alva Simcock  
 30. Tertullian Johnson  
 31. Geo. Maris  
 32. Thomas Mendenhall  
 33. H. W. Maddox  
 34. Sarah Maris / Dina 100. 63





Richard Webb  
 John Lee  
 Nathaniel Nowlin  
 Thomas Moore  
 William Brinton  
 William Lewis  
 Ralph Ewenson  
 Jonathan Thatcher  
 Jacob Vernon  
 Wm. West  
 Chuncenwin  
 William Hammons  
 Samuell Kinderhall  
 Edith Dyle <sup>Nicholas</sup> Merwin  
 Ellen Dix  
 Esther Dix  
 Joseph Pyle  
 Fetha Pyle

Hannah Kinsman  
 Francis Bowdoin  
 Martha Palmer  
 Susanna Parks  
 Hannah Meadenhall  
 Ann Bonnett  
 Sarah Pearson  
 Elizabeth Lewis  
 Sarah Lewis  
 Mary Nowlin  
 Sarah Ewenson  
 Mary Sharp  
 Roziah Nowlin  
 Mary Hewes  
 Mary Baker  
 Eliza Yernall  
 Sarah Worrolow



Nicholas Pyle who married Sarah Worrilow  
Alice Yarnall, cousin  
Peter Yarnoll, husband of Alice  
Mary Baker, cousin  
Joseph Baker, husband of Mary  
Sarah Maris, cousin.

There are also the names of Thomas West, probably the brother of John West. He lived at that time in Concord Twp.

Sarah Pearson who may have been the mother of Joseph West.

Thomas Pearson, father of Sarah West, and Thomas Pierson, father of Rose Pierson who married Aaron Mendenhall were heads of two unrelated families.

- (4) Ann Maris, b. 6-18-1667; m. 9-21-1693 to John Worrilow, son of Thomas Worrilow.
- (5) John Maris, b. 3-21-1669; m. 9-21-1693 to Susannah Lewis of Haverford. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1709-1712-1716-1719-1720. He was the owner of "Home House," built by his father in Springfield where he resided. He d. 1-8-1747.
- (6) Richard Maris, b. 9-20-1673; m. Elizabeth Hayes in 1698; d. 1745.
- (7) Susannah Maris.

*Issue of George and Jane Maddock Maris*

- (1) Mordicai Maris, b. 7-22-1691
- (2) George Maris, b. 9-25-1694





- (3) Hannah Maris, b. 12-17-1698; m. John Owen, son of Robert Owen.
  - (4) Esther Maris, b. 2-24-1703; m. Mordecai Taylor of Springfield.
- From Record of Friends.

### MARIS

Live stock ranged over a large territory about Philadelphia and became so numerous that the law required each stock owner to have a distinguishing mark; also that the marks be recorded.

The mark for George Maris "a slit in the tip of the neer year; his Brand Mark—G. M."



CHAPTER V

WILLS, DEEDS, LAND TRANSACTIONS  
AND SETTLEMENTS OF ESTATES  
WILL OF GEORGE MARIS

Be it remembered that I George Maris Senior of Springfield in ye County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament: viz:

First my will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be clearly paid and discharged as soon as may be after my decease and as to my personal estate, I dispose of as followeth:

Item I give and bequeath to my dear & well beloved wife Jane Maris my two best beds and furniture and ye warming pan also our black walnut chest one high case of drawers one oval table and a large looking glass likewise one spice box a dressing box and all ye linnens Also one large Bible and my watch likewise all the pewter one large brass pot with all the rest of the brass Also six walnut chairs two cows and a mair saddle and bridle

Item my will is that my wife have four pounds a year from the place where my sister







CHAIR THAT BELONGED TO GEORGE AND ALICE MARIS,  
NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF WILLIAM MODE TAYLOR,  
OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, A DESCENDANT OF  
GEORGE AND ALICE MARIS THROUGH THEIR SON, JOHN



Susannah Maris lives and ten pounds a year from the place where William McCoy lives to be paid to her yearly and every year by the tenants or their assigns during her life:

Item I give and bequeath to my wife all my bonds bills notes and book debts and my will is that the above mentioned things be at my wifes disposal and all ye residue of my personal estate to be sold by my Executors hereafter named and ye money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my five grand-daughters and as for my real estate know ye that according to my direction to my brother John Maris and my cousin George Maris in ye year 1746 there was a line run through my lands which said line was run by Samuel Levis Beginning at the East side of Mord'a Taylors land and Northerly corner of ye field where John Weybourn lived and thence along the several courses to a corner of Joseph Yarnells line which being marked I do hereby ratify and confirm the said line:

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife all my houses lands and appurtenances on the South West side of ye afore said line to have all and singular the profits of the same until my grandson George Taylor comes to age Then I give and bequeath to my grandson George Taylor all the afore mentioned premises to him and his heirs forever he to pay to his sister Hannah Taylor the sum of fifty pounds currant lawfull money ten pounds







to be paid to her in two years after he comes into possession and ten pounds a year after till the whole is paid.

Item my will is that my wife shall have that part of the house where I now live called the parlour and the chamber over it and privileges of the kitchen and seller and ye oven to bake in with liberty to pass and repass and to have apples out of the orchard sufficient for her own use during her natural life Also my grandson George Taylor to keep two cows and a horse winter and summer for my said wife (the creatures to be well kept) likewise my grandson George Taylor to cut and haul to the door as much firewood as is necessary for my wife during her life and further my will is that if my grandson George Taylor happen to die without issue lawfully begotten of his body then the said plantation to go to his sister Hannah and her heirs forever But in default of issue to my granddaughter Hannah then to be equally divided between the rest of my grandchildren

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson George Owen all my houses and lands on the north east side of the aforementioned line to him his heirs and assigns forever except one hundred and twenty acres off that end next adjoining my cousin George Maris land to be equally divided between my three grand daughters Elizabeth Rhoads Susannah Owen and Rebecca Owen to them and their heirs and assigns forever they paying to their sister Jane



West the sum of three pounds a year during her life ye said land to be divided by two persons that all three shall chuse and I hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved wife Jane Maris my cousin George Maris and James Rhoades Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of April A. A. 1753

his  
 GEORGE MARIS                      Seal  
 mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said George Maris as and for his last Will and Testament in ye presence of us

JOHN HALL  
 WILLIAM McCAY  
 JS MARIS

## WILL OF THOMAS PEARSON CHESTER CO. PENNSYLVANIA

I, Thomas Pearson of Marple in the County of Chester & province of Pennsylvania being weak in body but of sound Disposing mind & memory praises be given to Almighty God do make & ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

first and principally I Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be decently





buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named & as touching all such Temporal Estate and worldly Effects as it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with I give and Dispose thereof as followeth

Imprimis I will that all my just debts and funeral Expenses be fully discharged and paid

Item I give and Bequath unto my son John Pearson the sum of Fifteen pounds Currant mony of America due upon bond to be assigned over to him by my Executors hereinafter names within six months after my Decease

Item I give & bequeath to my son in law John West and my Daughter Sarah his wife Ten pounds Currant mony of America to be paid unto them by my Executors within Two years after my Decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my son in Law Nicholas Rogers and my Daughter Mary his wife the sum of Fifteen pounds Currant mony of America due upon bond to be assigned to them by my Executors within six months after my Decease

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son in Law Peter Thomson and my Daughter Margery his Wife the sum of Fifteen pounds Currant mony of America Due upon Bond to be assigned over to them by my Executors within six months after my decease

And whereas my son Robert Pearson by Divers Obligations and Conditions to them is and standeth bound unto me by virtue of them



all in Just and full sum of Fifty pounds Currant mony of America as aforesaid due and payable at the Days & time in Every of them Limited and appointed relation thereunto has more fully appears which said fifty pounds I give & Dispose in the manner following viz

Ten pounds thereof I give & bequeath unto my son John Pearson

Ten pounds more thereof to my son in Law John West and his wife

Ten pounds more thereof to my son in Law Nicholas Rogers and Mary his wife

Ten pounds more thereof to my son in Law Peter Thomson & Margery his wife and ten pounds residue or Remainder thereof to my son Robert Pearson aforesaid to be paid to each and every of them by my Executors in some Convenient time after my Decease

Item I give and Bequeath unto my four sons namely Robert Pearson Lawrence Pearson Enoch Pearson and Abel Pearson to Each of them Five shillings to be paid to them by my Executors and all the rest and Residue of my estate Real or personal of which nature or kind soever proved by any ways or means whatsoever to be might property Claim or Demand whether by written or verbal agreement I give Devise and Bequeath unto my Dear & Loving wife Margery Pearson to her proper use behoof benefit & Disposal forever and Lastly I do nominate Constitute and ordain my Trusty & well beloved Friends Bartholomew Coppock of





Marple and Samuell Levis Junor of Springfield in the County of Chester aforesaid to be my Lawful Executors of this my Last Will and Testament reposing in them special Trust and Confidence in fullfilling accomplishing and Executing thereof in every part according to the true Intent and meaning of the same which I do pronounce & Declare to be my Last will and Testament and none other Revoking hereby all former will and wills by me made Either verball or written. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal Dated the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Thirty 1730

THOMAS PEARSON (seal)

Signed sealed pronounced & Declared by the above named Thos Pearson the Testator for & as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers

REBECCA COPPOCK

SARAH COPPOCK

MORDA MASSY

This will proved March 25, 1734.

### WILL OF ROBERT OWEN

“Be it known unto all men That I Robert Owen of Ye Township of Merion in Ye County of Philadelphia Province of Pennsylvania being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory praised be Ye Lord doe make & ordain this my



last Will & Testament in manner & form following yt is to say

Imps I will yt & due demands be pd & fully discharged

Ite It is my Will & mind yt this my plantation with ye Meadow & Appurtenances thereunto belonging with the rest & residue of my estate over and above discharging my Sd debts to be remain entire stock towards ye maintaining & bringing up of my children (according to ye discretion of my Truseets hereafter named) for ye time and space of seven years ans at ye end & expiration of ye sd Seven years it is my will & mind yt ye sd whole stock & and ye increase thereof during ye sd time be devided between my children according to ye discretion of my Trustees hereinafter named my heirs only excepted to have or claim any part or share of ye Sd Stock at ye end of Seven years

Ite I doe give & bequeath unto my eldest son Evan my Plantation containing Four Hundred Acres ye Meadow now in my actuall possession and their Appurtenances with all Deed & Deeds Act & Acts thereunto belonging Situate lying & being in ye foresaid Township of Merion at ye end & term of ye sd Seven years above specified for him and his heirs forever Provided yt ye Trustees have full power to charge my said Plantation with any Sume or Sumes of money not exceeding One Hundred Fifty Pounds for & towards ye maintainance & preferment of my other children which sum I doe wholely refer to





ye discretion of my hereafter named Trustees to be shared & divided among them as they find convenient & see cause

Item I doe constitute nominate & appoint my Trusty & well beloved friends John Humphrey Hugh Roberts John Roberts Griffith John Robert Jones Robert Robert Roberts Robert Lloyd & Rowland Ellis to be my Trustees & Overseers of this my Will and Testament and doe hereby give full power to my fore mentioned friends to be my Trustees to Manage & dispose of my Sd Estate according to ye true meaning of this my Will & Testament to ye best profitt & advantage of my said children

Lastly I doe nominate & appoint my well beloved Cosin Griffith John aforenamed to be my sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament and doe hereby revoke disanull & make void all former Wills by me heretofore made

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal the Second day of ye Tenth month in ye year 1697

ROBERT OWEN (Seal)

Signed sealed & published in ye presence and sight of

IOANA OWEN

ROWLAND ELLIS

ROBERT JONES

Will Book, "B" Page 422, No. 155 Year (1705)

The inventory of his personal estate was



made "ye first day of eleventh mo 1697 by John Roberts and John Owen."

He had 7 cows valued at 3 pounds, 10 shillings per head; 2 steers, 2 pounds, 10 shillings per head; 7 young cattle at 1 pound, 5 shillings per head; 5 horses and mares at 4 pounds, 10 shillings per head; 20 sheep at 7 pounds; 12 swine at 9 pounds; wheat, barley and implements for farming, books 3 pounds; bedding and apparel, 47 pounds, 9 shillings and 6 pence; brass, pewter and other household stuff, 12 pounds, 16 shillings. Total valuation 188 pounds, 18 shillings, 6 pence.

#### WILL OF JOHN OWEN, CHESTER CO., PA.

I John Owen of Chester in the County of Chester & province of pennsylvania yeoman being sick & weak of Body but Sound and Disposing mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed for all Men once to Die Make this my last will and Testament in the Manner Following viz Imprimis

I order my just debts and funeral Expenses to be paid as soon as Conveniently may be after my deceas By my Executors here in after named

Item I give and devise to my son George Owen all that front Messuage or Tennement Situate on Market Street Philadelphia containing in breadth 16 feet and Extending back 90





feet Bounded Easterly by Hugh Roberts Southerly by Market Street Northerly by my other Lots and Westerly by the Messuage late of Rees Lloyds deceased to hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever he paying the money for which I am bound with him to George Emlin and his discharge Messuage is Mortgaged for

Item I devise to my daughter Elizabeth Rhoads the wife of James Rhoads all that back Messuage Situate in Church alley in Philadelphia aforesaid To hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever She pay the Remainder of the Incumberance thereon.

I devise to my daughter Susannah Owen all this Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell with the lot of Land belonging thereto extending from the northerly conner of said Messuage to the orchard fence and from thence to Grace Loyds Fence & So to the Street To hold to her and her assigns forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Rebecca Owen all that Messuage or tenement where Mathew McLaughlin now Dwells in Chester aforesaid with the lot of thereto belonging to Extend to the orchard fence and also all that lot of land called the Orchard Adjoining Grace Loyds Lott and back Tennement To hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever

Signed JOHN OWEN Seal

Item i give to my daughters Susannah and Rebecca Owen all that Messuage or tenement



in Chester aforesaid where Sarah Robinson now Dwells with the Lott of Land and out-houses thereto belonging and all that piece or parcel of land Situate and Lying William Snoffers near Ridley Creek containing about three acres To hold to them and their heirs and assigns forever and I also give each of them a Feather bed and furniture and all the pewter with other necessary things for housekeeping they my said daughters yielding and paying Yearly and Every year into my said Executors the Sum of six pounds lawful Money of Pennsylvania During the Natural life of my daughter Jane West to be by my said Executors paid to and for the Seperate and peculiar Use and Benefit and Maintenance of my Daughter Jane West (West being crossed) aforesaid During her natural Life and not subject to her husbands Debts Nor to his Miscontract.

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Isaac West the Sum of forty pounds Money aforesaid to be paid by my Exr's hereinafter named when he arrives at age the rest of Grandchildren Living at the time of my decease Each the sum of five pounds Money aforesaid To be paid by my Exer's as they arrive at Age.

Item Into my Exer's hereinafter named All the Rest and Residue of my real Estate not before disposed of To hold to them to their heirs and assigns forever Upon trust nevertheless that they My Exer's or the Survivors of them Shall Sell and Convey the same to such person







or persons as will purchase the same in fee simple or otherwise & for the best price that can be obtained for the same and with the money Raised By the sail thereof together with the remainder of my Personal Estate to pay my just Debts and legacies and residue of (if) any to be divided Between all my children Except my daughter Jane Share and Share alike

Signed JOHN OWEN Seal

Item If any money arising by the said sail of the aforesaid Land togrther with my personal Estate be insufficient to pay my Just debts and Legacies then my will is that my children all except my daughter Jane Shall pay a proportional part according to their respective shares in my Estate devised to them toward the full discharge of the same

Lastly I nominate my son George Owen my son-in-law James Rhoades and my friend Aubrey Bevin or the survivor or survivors of them Exe's of this my last Will and Testament and I appoint my Friends Joseph Parker and Henry Hale Greyham of Chester Aforesaid to be Trustees of this my last Will and Testament to See the same executed according to the Intent and meaning thereof herein Revoking all former wills by me formerly made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal The Fourth day of January Anno Domini 1752



Signed Sealed Pronounced and Declared Seal  
Signed by JOHN OWEN

by the said John Owen to be his last Will and  
Testament in the Presents of us who have Sub-  
scribed our names as Witnesses our hand and

SAMUEL DAVIS      W. H. GRAYHAM

Chester Jan. 23 1752.

Then personally appeared Benjamin Davis  
Samuel Davis and Henry Hale Grayham and be-  
ing three of the People Called Quakers on their  
Solemn affirmation According to the Law did  
Solemnly Sincerely and Truly Declare and af-  
firm that they were personally present and did  
see and hear the testator above named Sign Seal  
Publish and Pronounce and Declare the above  
Writing to be his last Will and Testament and  
that at the doing thereof he was sound in mind  
and memory to the best of their understanding  
and that their Affirmations Names Subscribed  
as witnesses to the same are their own Proper  
hands Writing.

Affirmed JOSEPH PARKER.

## WILL OF JOSEPH WEST

Highland County, Ohio. Son of Joseph &  
Jane Owen West

In the Name of the Benevolent Father of all  
I Joseph West of the County of Highland and  
State of Ohio do make and publish this my last  
will and Testament.





Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my Grandson Joseph West Jur. the farm on which I now reside situate in Highland County and State of Ohio on the waters of Brush Creek containing three hundred acres of land with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging at the time of my decease by the said Joseph West Jur paying to my son John West seventy one dollars in one year from my decease.

And also the said Joseph West jur to pay seventy one dollars to my son James West Eighteen months from my decease.

And to my son Hugh West one dollar in two years from my decease.

And the said Joseph West Jur to pay my son Joseph West seventy one dollars at my decease

And also to pay to daughter Mary Murfin one dollar at my decease

And also to pay to my son Isaac West one dollar at my decease

And the said Joseph West Jur shall pay to my Grandson John West three hundred and thirty three dollars when he shall come to be twenty one years of age

And also to my Grandson Samuel West the sum of three hundred and thirty three dollars when he shall come to twenty one years age

And also to pay to my Grandson James D Clinton West three hundred and thirty three dollars when he shall come to twenty one years of age.



Item 2nd. I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph West Jur Executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing him and empowering him to compromise adjust and release and discharge in such manner as he may deem proper the debt and claims due me and to authorize him to pay all my just debts.

I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of May in the year one Thousand Eight hundred and forty three.

Signed and acknowledged by said Joseph West senr as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence

SAMPSON TENOR

DANIEL N FULK

his

DAVID X FULK

his

JOSEPH X WEST

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## LAND RECORDS OF JOSEPH WEST IN LOUDOUN CO.

In a letter written by Jane West to her parents, dated 3-29-1750, she mentions the fact that they have all their land paid for but 10 pounds "Virginia Money." From that statement we





conclude that they purchased land soon after arriving in Virginia.

“THE RIGHT HONORABLE THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain called SCOTLAND Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia to all to whom this present Writing shal come sends Greeting.”

“KNOW YE that for good causes and in consideration of the Composition to me paid and for the Annual Rent hereafter reserved I have Given Granted Confirmed and by these presents for me my heirs and assigns do give Grant and Confirm unto Joseph West of Fairfax County and bounded as follows——”

This tract contained 460 acres. The rent was “one Shilling Sterling Money for every fifty acres of land hereby granted and so proportionately for a greater or lesser quantity——”

The lease was dated “the thirteenth day of November in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George II by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith—Anno Domini One Thousand seven hundred and fifty four.”

Land Book “H” p. 569.

Another lease worded as above is to Joseph West of Loudoun Co. and contained eighty acres; dated the eighteenth day of April, A. D. one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

Land Book “I” p. 132.

May 13, 1760, Joseph West bought of Jacob



Janney 100 acres. This purchase is recorded in Deed Book "A" pages 444-445.

September 8, 1761 Joseph West sold 250 acres to John Queen. The deed recites that "This a part of a larger tract Patented to West by a deed from the Proprietor's office."

A sale of land to Jacob Nichols, afterward his son-in-law, Dec. 10, 1768; signed by Joseph and Jane.

Deed Book "G" p. 153.

The last sale of land in Loudoun Co. was a lot in Leesburg; also signed by Joseph and Jane; dated 1772.

Deed Book "I" p. 27.

## LAND TRANSACTIONS OF JOSEPH WEST IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

To Joseph West—415 acres for the sum of 45 shillings. Signed by Thomas Jefferson, Governor of the Commonwealth May 23, 1780. Situated on Straightstone Creek. Patent book "C," page 536.

To Joseph West—404 acres in consideration of the Ancient Composition of Two pounds Sterling paid by Joseph West into the Treasury of this Commonwealth. Signed by Thomas Jefferson, March 1, 1781 in the Fifth year of the Commonwealth. Situated on the branches of Straight Stone and Maggoty's Creeks.





To Joseph West—300 acres by virtue and in consideration of part of a Land Office Treasury Warrant, number 15118, issued March 7, 1783. Situated on the branches of Straight Stone Creek and the Staunton River. Date, November 12, 1785.

Joseph West—to Edmond King (Arbitration Board) August 20, 1782.

Index No I, Book 6, page 366.

Joseph West—to Edmond King, August 20, 1782. Signed by both West and King.

Book 6, page 369.

Joseph West Sr. to George West—300 acres on Branch of Straight Stone Creek, July 18, 1796, both of Pittsylvania Co.

Book 10, p 406 Signed, Joseph West

Witnesses, Owen West

John West

Benjamin West

Joseph West Sr. to Joseph West Jr.—404 acres on Straight Stone Creek, for Thirty Pounds, July 18, 1796.

Book 10, p 407 Signed, Joseph West

Witnesses, Owen West

John West

Benjamin West

Joseph West Sr. to Cornelius McHaney—190 acres on Staunton River, January 16, 1797. Price not named in copy.

Book 10, p 518 Signed, Joseph West



Joseph West Sr. to Benjamin West—138 acres on Straight Stone Creek, October 16, 1797, for Thirty Pounds.

Book 11, p 188. Signed, Joseph West

Joseph West, Sr. to John West—139 acres on Straightstone Creek, for Fifty Pounds, April 16, 1797.

Book 11, p 260 Signed, Joseph West

Joseph West, Sr. to Hannah West—300 acres on Georges Branch of Staunton River, for Fifty Pounds, April 16, 1797.

Book 11, p 262

Joseph West, Sr. to John Edds, 121 acres on Beechtree and Read Creeks.

Book 12, p 33

Both of these signed, Joseph West.

#### OWEN WEST'S LAND TRANSACTIONS IN CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

The first purchase contracted in 1809 but was not consummated until October 17, 1810, in Highland Co. Ohio. The county had been set off as Clinton previous to this date, but for some reason this deed was recorded in Highland. It is probable that the Court proceedings had not been transferred.

The purchase was from "Thomas John and Nancy, his wife to Owen West, Grantee, Three Hundred acres more or less situate and lying and being in the County of Highland and State





of Ohio, on the East Fork of the Little Miami River being a part of a survey on Military Warrant No. 3981, Patented to John C. Richardson assignee of William David on the 23rd day of Jan. 1799."

Other purchases were made from time to time until Owen West owned a large part of Clark township. He surveyed the greater part of it himself

He gave land to his children and sold some to them. There are four of the original deeds extant

His transfers are as follows,

Owen West, Jr. 108 acres, June 2, 1820. This deed was signed by both Owen and Elizabeth West. The only deed signed by Eliz. in Ohio.

James Sharp, 75 acres, March 19, 1824.

Amelia Haworth, 100 acres, April 27, 1824.

S. & J. Wright (susan & James) 100 acres, April 28, 1824.

William West, 100 acres, April 28, 1824.

Jane and John Terrell, 100 acres, May 5, 1824.

Nancy Terrell, 100 acres, May 8, 1824.

Peyton West, 100 acres, June 21, 1824.

Thomas West, 100 acres, June 22, 1824.

James West, 100 acres, June 22, 1824.

M. & J. Betterton (Mary and Joshua) 70 acres, June 24, 1824.



In Witness whereof they the said Queen West and  
Elizabeth his wife have here unto set their hands and  
deals the day and year first before written  
signed sealed and delivered

Queen West Elizabeth

In the presence of us -  
John Powell  
James Garworth

Elizabeth - West

This Indenture made this second day of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
Twenty Between Queen West and of the County of Clinton  
and State of Ohio, of the one part and Queen West and of  
the County of Clinton and State of Ohio of the other part





Elizabeth Haworth, 100 acres, June 26, 1824.

Owen West, 14¼ acres, August 19, 1824.

Ezekiel Haworth, 288 acres, March 10, 1827.

Rebecca West, 100 acres, June 24, 1827.

John West, 90 acres, September 19, 1827.

Owen West, Jr. of the deed signed by Owen & Elizabeth was the grandfather of Roy O. West, Secretary of the Interior under President Coolidge.

Owen West d. either late in 1827 or early in 1828.

### OWEN WEST'S PUBLIC SALE

(The legal advertisement in the Wilmington Argus, Saturday, October 11, 1828.

#### PUBLIC SALE

“Will be sold at the late premises of Owen West dec. in Clark Twp. Clinton Co. on the 15th day of October next the following articles; viz., horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, one road wagon, one carriage, one set of blacksmith tools, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, one set of surveyor's instruments, together with sundry other articles unnecessary to particularize. A credit of 12 months will be given for all sums over \$1.00, the purchaser giving bond and approved security. Sale to commence at 9:00 o'clock, A. M., on said day where due attendance will be given by

JOSHUA BETTERTON, Administrator,  
October 4, 1828.



On August 30, 1828 the advertised tax rate on \$100.00 in clark Twp. was as follows:—Canal—15c; county—m15c; road—15c; school 5c; poor—7½c.

The Wilmington Argus, volumn 3 is in the files of the Western Reserve Historical Association Library, Cleveland.

The Wilmington Spectator, Vol. 2 and 3, 1824 and The Wilmington Argus, Vol. 2 and 3 are also on file.

George West, son of Joseph and Jane Owen West, left no will, but the following copies of deeds may be of value to his descendants in proving their relationship.

Articles of Agreement between George West of Hamilton County, Indiana and Thomas West of Clinton County, Ohio of the one part and Thomas West and John West sons of William West of Pittsylvania County of the other part.

Witness that for and in consideration of the sum of three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars Sixty one cents and two thirds paid to the aforesaid Geo. West of Hamilton County Indiana and Thomas West of Clinton County Ohio by the before mentioned Thomas West & John West sons of William West of Pittsylvania the receipt whereof before the sealing and delivery of these presents is hereby acknowledged by them the aforesaid Geo. West of Hamilton County Indiana and Thomas West of Clinton County Ohio, they the aforesaid Thomas West of Clinton County Ohio & Geo. West of Hamil-





ton County Indiana have bargained sold and granted and by these presents do bargain sell and grant unto the aforesaid Thomas & John West sons of William West of Pittsylvania in equal interest, all the right, title and Interest in the lands belonging to the estate of their Father the late Geo West dec'd with the following exception viz: they do not sell their interest in the part laid off as dower to Mary or Polly West widow of the late Geo West and their interest in the advancement which has been made to Elizabeth Lea beyond her sixth part, to them the aforesaid Thomas & John West their heirs and assigns. In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands and seals this nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, they moreover do hereby authorize and empower the collector that may be appointed to receive the proceeds of the before mentioned lands sold and collected to pay their proportion to the before mentioned Thomas & John West sons of William West according to the foregoing contract

Witness: SAMUEL T. MILLER,  
THOMAS H. LAIN, WILLIAM WEST

GEORGE WEST (seal)

THOMAS WEST (seal)

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pittsylvania the 20th. day of April 1840. This deed was proved by the oaths of two subscrib-



ing witnesses to be the act and deed of Geo. & Thos. West and at another day to wit: At a court held for said county the 18th day of May in the year aforesaid the same was further proven by another subscribing witness & ordered to be recorded.

Teste:

WM. H. TUNSTALL Clk.

Copy: Teste:

S. S. HURT, Clerk,  
Pittsylvania Circuit Court, Va.  
June 23, 1930.

This Indenture made this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-nine between George West of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia of the first part and Elizabeth Lea formerly Elizabeth West of the same County and State of the other part.

WITNESSETH: that for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he the said George West hath for her his daughter, the said Elizabeth Lea, he hath bargained, granted and delivered and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, grant, deliver and confirm forever unto her the aforesaid Elizabeth Lea, and her heirs forever, a certain tract or parcel of Land lying on the waters of Straightstone Creek and bounded on one side by the said creek which separates it from the lands of Ezekiel Dews and from the lands of





mine the said George West and leaving the Creek at a Maple stump, and running by a straight line to a corner pine on my old original tract of land given me by my Father, Joseph West thence Southwardly by the line of the aforesaid original tract of Land given to me by my Father and the tract of land purchased by me of Anderson Chick (or Cheek) to another corner pine on the land aforesaid, thence Eastwardly by a new chopped line to the aforesaid creek and thence down the creek as it meanders to the before mentioned Maple Stump, supposed to contain Eighty acres be the same more or less, and being the same tract of land on which my said Daughter is now living, and the two upper and lower lines, being the same that I chopped in the presence of my son William West and Henry West and Byron Lea.

And further I do warrant unto her the said Elizabeth Lea my Daughter and her heirs and will defend all right, title, interest and claim in and to the beforementioned lands with all appertunances against the claim or claims of any person or persons whomsoever.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Witness: SAMUEL T. MILLER  
MARTIN TEMPLETON, HENRY EAST.

his  
GEORGE X WEST (seal)  
mark



Pittsylvania County to Wit:

We, George W. Coleman and Jeremiah W. Graves, Justices of the peace in and for said County do hereby certify that George West one of the parties to a certain Deed bearing date 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1839 (herewith returned) hath duly acknowledged the said conveyance before us and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of Pittsylvania Court in Order to be recorded.

Given under our hands & seals this 6th day of August, 1839.

GEORGE W. COLEMAN (seal)  
JERE. W. GRAVES (seal)

At a Court held for the County of Pittsylvania the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1839 this Deed of Gift upon the Certificates of acknowledgment before two Magistrates endorsed was ordered to be recorded.

Teste

WILL H. TUNSTALL Clk.

I, S. S. Hurt, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Pittsylvania do certify that the foregoing writing is a true copy of a Deed recorded in this Office between George West to Elizabeth Lea.

Teste:

S. S. HURT, Clerk  
Pitts. Circuit Court, Virginia.





THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this fifth day of March in the year of Christ one thousand Eight hundred and thirty-two between George West of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph West his son of the other part of said County and State

WITNESSETH, that the said George West as well for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he the said George West hath and beareth unto his son the said Joseph West and also for the Further Consideration of the sum of one dollar to him the said George West in hand paid by the said Joseph West at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) hath given, granted, sold, aliend, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Joseph West his heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Pittsylvania aforesaid on both sides of Straightstone Creek, but much the greater part on the North and Northwest side of said Creek and bounded by the lands of Martin Templeton, John Hunt, Thomas Lane, Cornelius McHaney, and a new line, marked by the said George West, Beginning at Thomas Lanes corner white oak on Deans branch thence a new line to a corner pine in said George West's line in the



land which he bought of Anderson Chick (or Cheek) thence bounded by the said tract of land to Straightstone Creek and including the place and plantation whereon the said Joseph West now lives containing as we suppose three hundred acres be it little or much it being the intention of the said George West by these presents do Give and convey unto his said son Joseph all the lands be it little or much lying within the above boundaries from and after the death of him the said George West, together withall and singular the appertunances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, yearly & other rents, issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the same tract or parcel of land with the tenements, hereditaments and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be conveyed and every part and parcel thereof with every of their rights, members and appertunances unto the said Joseph West his heirs and assigns forever and the said George West for himself and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with all and singular the premises & Appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Joseph West his heirs and assigns free from the claims of the heirs of the said George West and of all and every person or persons whatsoever (except the claim of him the said George West for & during his life time) shall will and





do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said George West hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in The presence of.....

his  
GEORGE X WEST (seal)  
mark

Pittsylvania County Sct.

We, Nelson Tucker and John Hunt Justices of the *piece* in the County aforesaid and in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that George West a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 5th day of March, 1832—And hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Pittsylvania in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of March 1832.

N. TUCKER (seal)

JOHN HUNT (seal)

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pittsylvania on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832. This Deed of Gift from George West to Joseph West with the certificate endorsed was admitted to record.

Teste

WILL TUNSTALL Cl.



I, S. S. Hurt, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Pittsylvania do certify that the foregoing writing is true copy of a deed recorded in this Office between George West to Joseph West.

Teste:

S. S. HURT Clerk,  
Pittsylvania Circuit Court, Va.

This Indenture made the twentieth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventeen Between Hannah West of Pittsylvania County of the One part & Robert Morriss of Campbell County and Town of Lynchburg of the other part

Witnesseth that the said Hannah West in consideration of the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars to her in hand paid by the said Robert Morriss at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Robert Morriss his heirs and assigns a certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Pittsylvania on the branches of Strait Stone Creek and Staunton River containing three hundred acres by survey bearing date the twelfth day of November One thousand seven hundred eighty five and bounded as follows to-wit:

Beginning at Joseph Wests Sen. corner pine in Dillard's line (now Wards) thence along the





said Wests former line S 40° E 136 poles to a pine in William Chick's line and thence along Chick's line N. 41° E 67 poles to two red oaks thence along Cornelius McHaney's line N 45° E. 74 poles crossing Georges Branch to a pine in John Pemberton's line and thence along his line N. 71° W. 28 poles to a red oak N. 19° W 143 poles to a pine N. 55° E 18 poles to pointers in Hancocks old line and along the same N. 75° W 234 poles crossing branch to Hancocks corner pointers and thence new lines N. 60° W. 120 poles crossing a branch to a pine S 40° 180 poles to a pine S 44° E 60 poles to pointers in Wards line aforesaid and along the same N. 40° E 120 poles to a white oak N 81° E 128 poles to pointers S 40° E 110 poles to a red oak and thence S 20° W 170 poles to the beginning together with all and singular the appurtenances and reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders Yearly and other rents and profits thereof of every part and parcell thereunto Belonging To have and to hold the above mentioned land with the Tenements, hereditaments and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be bargained & sold and every part and parcell thereof with every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said Robert Morriss his heirs and assigns forever and the said Hannah West for her self and her heirs the said Three hundred acres of land with all and singular The premises and appurtenances before mentioned



unto the said Robert Morriss his heirs and assigns free from the claim of her the said Hannah West or her heirs and all and every person or persons Whatsoever shall well and do warrant and forever defend by these presents

In witness whereof the said Hannah West has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written

her  
HANNAH X WEST (seal)  
mark

Pittsylvania County to-wit:

We George Dejarnette and John Hunt magistrates of the said County do hereby certify the Hannah West party to the within conveyance hath duly acknowledged the same before us on the twentieth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Pittsylvania in order that the said conveyance may be recorded.

As witness our hands and seals

GEORGE DEJARNETTE (seal)  
JOHN HUNT (seal)

This Indenture from Hannah West to Robert Morriss was presented in the Clerk's Office of Pittsylvania County the 16th day of February 1818 and with the certificate endorsed of the





acknowledgment thereof by the said Hannah was admitted to record.

Teste:

WILL TUNSTALL Clk.

Copy: Teste:

S. S. HURT, Clerk.

July 18, 1930

Deed Book 21 page 336.



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The D. A. R. Magazine for March, 1930, contains a list of persons of Pittsylvania, Co., Virginia, who furnished provision for the army during the Revolution, under the Commissioners Provisions Law. In the list is the name of Joseph West. There were only two Joseph Wests in that county at that date, one being Joseph Sr. and the other, Joseph Jr., who was a soldier in the Army and not in a position to furnish provisions. It follows, therefore, that his father, Joseph, was the man thus listed.

The included copy is of the photostat of the original record which is in the files of the Virginia State Library. The reader should note that the price of the cow is crossed out, showing that the animal was a gift. This is only one record but enough to verify the family tradition that Joseph West furnished provisions for the army, and is listed as a Patriot.

Such service entitles his descendants to membership in the D.A.R. and S.A.R., other records being satisfactory. Family tradition





credits Joseph and his son, Owen, with furnishing mill products and guns, but that tradition remains unverified, although most probable in view of the fact that Joseph had two sons and a brother in the Revolution.

Photostat or certified copies of the original records may be obtained from the Virginia State Library at Richmond, for a fee.

Celeste Terrell Barnhill

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Pittsylvania to-wit:

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I HEREBY certify I have received for public use of Joseph West one Cow adjudged to weigh two hundred and seventy-five gross for which payment at the rate of two pence the pence shall be made according to an act of Assembly passed in the October session one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Given under my hand this twenty-fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

John Buckley, D.C.P.L.

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